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Media Release

Major Accident Investigation Team Responds to Head-on Fatality Crash near Fallon

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at approximately 5:06 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol responded to a head-on collision on US Highway 95 near the intersection of St Clair Road, approximately 2 miles south of US Highway 50 in Fallon.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that a blue 2004 Ford Explorer, driven by 27-year-old Michael D. Post of Fallon, was traveling north on the two-lane highway while 50-year-old Angel M. Martinez of South El Monte, California, was traveling south and driving a 2005 red Freightliner tractor pulling a 53-foot long enclosed trailer containing household appliances. The speed limit on this section of highway is posted 55 miles per hour.

For reasons still being investigated, Mr. Post allowed his vehicle to travel into the opposing lane where the front of his SUV struck the big rig head-on. The force of the collision resulted in fatal injuries to Mr. Post who was not wearing a seat belt and he was pronounced deceased at the scene while Mr. Martinez was not injured.

The accident closed both directions of the highway for several hours while troopers from the Major Accident Investigation Team completed their on-scene portion of the crash investigation. The vehicles were recovered and removed and the highway was re-opened just after 10:00 pm.

Witnesses to the event or those with additional information are encouraged to call Trooper Kris Satterwhite @ (775) 689-4682 regarding case number NHP-110915180.



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