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## **Media Release**

## **NHP Vehicle Struck During Routine Traffic Stop**

On February 7, 2011 in the area of Las Vegas Blvd. and Blue Diamond Road at approximately 0045 hours a Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) vehicle was struck while conducting a traffic stop.

A Ford Explorer was traveling south on Las Vegas Blvd. where it failed to maintain its lane and drifted into the shoulder where it struck a NHP vehicle. This collision caused the NHP vehicle to strike a Toyota Matrix, which had been stopped for an unknown traffic violation. Both the driver of the NHP vehicle and the Toyota Matrix were outside of their vehicles and were uninjured.

The driver of the Ford Explorer is identified as 24 year old Jordan Taylor Crafton out of Las Vegas. Crafton was arrested under suspicion of DUI and was booked at Clark County Detention Center. She was uninjured during the accident.

\*\*\*Please remind the motoring public of **NRS484B.607** which states the following:

- 1. Upon approaching an authorized emergency vehicle **which is stopped and is making use of flashing lights** meeting the requirements of subsection 3 of <u>NRS 484A.480</u> or a tow car which is stopped and is making use of flashing amber warning lights meeting the requirements of <u>NRS 484B.748</u>, the **driver** of the **approaching vehicle shall**, in the absence of other direction given by a peace officer:
  - (a) **Decrease the speed** of the vehicle to a speed that is:
- (1) Reasonable and proper, pursuant to the criteria set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 484B.600; and
  - (2) Less than the posted speed limit, if a speed limit has been posted;

- (b) **Proceed with caution**;
- (c) Be prepared to stop; and
- (d) If possible, drive in a lane that is not adjacent to the lane in which the emergency vehicle or tow car is stopped, unless roadway, traffic, weather or other conditions make doing so unsafe or impossible.
  - 2. A person who violates subsection 1 is **guilty of a misdemeanor**.

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