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Media Release

Pedestrian Killed Crossing US 50 in South Lake Tahoe

On Wednesday July 30, 2011, at approximately 1:17 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a vehicle versus a pedestrian on US 50 in South Lake Tahoe.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that a unregistered silver ford truck driven by David Ray Stephenson from Discovery Bay California was traveling east on US 50. Mr. Stephenson struck a pedestrian that was crossing US 50 from the Horizon to Monte Bleu in the crosswalk, with his vehicle. Mr. Stephenson left the scene of the accident as a witness followed him down the street to Kahle Drive. The unoccupied truck was located later. While officers were at the truck, Mr. Stephenson came out to his truck. Mr. Stephenson was arrested for Felony DUI and Due Care.

Joan Marie Hamrick was the pedestrian that sustained substantial injuries and was transported to Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno via Care Flight helicopter. Mrs. Hamrick later died from her injuries.

Our Major Accident Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.) will be investigating the accident. Witnesses to the event, or anyone with additional information, should contact Sergeant Scott Famer at (775) 689-4623 regarding case # NHP-1107300046.

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