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Registration Violation Leads to Vehicle Chase and Felony Drug Arrest in Reno

Last evening at approximately 9:53 pm, a trooper with the Nevada Highway Patrol attempted to stop a white 1989 Mercedes 4-door sedan on northbound US 395 near the Glendale Avenue interchange in Reno for displaying expired license plates. The vehicle failed to stop and continued traveling northbound on the freeway failing to travel within a single travel lane and also made several abrupt lane changes. As the trooper was following the vehicle he observed the lone female driver throwing small items out of the driver's window.

Other troopers in the area were alerted to the vehicle that was failing to yield. A second trooper, who was positioned on US 395 near the N. McCarran Blvd off ramp ahead of the errant driver, deployed a set of road spikes that deflated both tires on the right side of the Mercedes. The vehicle lost forward momentum and finally yielded a short distance later near the Clearacre Lane onramp.

The driver, later identified as 38-year-old Lisa M. Sands with no address reported, exited her vehicle and failed to follow the verbal commands from the troopers at the scene. She reached back into her vehicle and discarded another item. After refusing further verbal commands, she was approached and taken into physical custody and arrested. Sands also showed signs of being under the influence of drugs and 13.8 grams of methamphetamine were located on the front seat of her vehicle. A check of her driver's license status revealed she had no valid license and several active warrants to include 1 felony and 2 misdemeanors were confirmed.

Troopers learned that Sands was a fugitive from the Washington State Department of Corrections for a felony drug charge and there was an extraditable no bail warrant for her arrest. She also had two active misdemeanors warrants from the Reno Municipal Court for traffic-related offenses and contempt of court charges.

She was transported to the Washoe County Detention Facility where she was booked on 15 charges to include:

- Expired vehicle registration
- No valid driver's license
- Possession of methamphetamine-for sales
- Possession of methamphetamine-trafficking
- Felony no bail warrant-Washington State
- Felony eluding
- DUI-Drugs
- Failure to maintain a travel lane
- Destruction of evidence
- Resisting arrest
- Drug paraphernalia (packaging)
- Drug paraphernalia (other items)
- Transporting a controlled substance not for Interstate Commerce
- 2 misdemeanor warrants – Reno Municipal Court

She is being held at the Washoe County jail with no bail available.



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