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Media Release

Reno Man Killed in Single-Vehicle Crash on Interstate 80 near Derby Dam

This evening at approximately 5:11 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single-vehicle accident on Interstate 80 near the Derby Dam interchange, approximately 16 miles east of Sparks.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that a 57-year-old Reno man was driving a green 1993 Honda 4-door sedan eastbound in the left-hand lane when he failed to negotiate a slight right curve in the roadway. He allowed the Honda to drift onto the left shoulder of the freeway where he over-corrected the steering to the right. The vehicle traveled across both east bound travel lanes and departed the right roadway edge. The driver then over-corrected the steering once more to the left as the Honda ascended a short dirt embankment. The vehicle rolled over as it continued back onto the Interstate. The energy of the rollover caused the unrestrained driver to be ejected from his vehicle. His car came to rest on its top near the center of the freeway while he was located near the left travel lane and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Alcohol and the fact that he was not wearing a seat belt are two of the contributing factors in this unplanned and tragic event. Both eastbound travel lanes were completely blocked for almost an hour when personnel on scene were able to start traffic moving again by diverting the traffic onto the paved shoulder and dirt area adjacent to the roadway. Both lanes were re-opened and the scene was completely cleared at approximately 8:07 pm.

The Major Accident Investigation Team was dispatched to the crash scene and will be completing the investigation. Witnesses or anyone with additional information about this event, to include any driving patterns observed before the crash, are encouraged to contact Trooper Robert Haigney at (775) 689-4682 or the Department Public Safety-Communications Center at (775) 687-0400 regarding case # NHP-1104261499. The driver's name will be released once next-of-kin have been notified.

As a safety reminder to all motorists, always wear a seat belt and never drive after consuming alcohol.

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