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## **Media Release**

### **Single Vehicle Rollover with Several Ejected and One Critically Injured-Churchill County**

On Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at approximately 2:19 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol responded to a single vehicle rollover accident on US Highway 50 in Churchill County, approximately 33 miles east of Fallon. The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that silver 2004 Dodge Ram 2500 pickup was traveling west on the two-lane highway where the posted speed limit is 70 miles per hour.

For reasons still being investigated, the driver, 42-year-old Lynn V. Haas of Hurricane, Utah, allowed his pickup to veer of the right roadway edge where it struck a plastic road marker sign.

Mr. Haas over-corrected the vehicle's steering to the left and then over-compensated the steering once more to the right. The pickup entered a broad-side skid and traveled off the south roadway edge and rolled over several times before coming to rest on its top.

Mr. Haas had 4 passengers riding in the pickup; his two daughters Cassidy, age 16, and Aspen, age 9; his niece Hannah Haas, age 14, and a family friend, Tanya Armstrong, age 15; all from Utah. All four girls riding in the vehicle were not wearing seat belts. Three girls were ejected during the accident, while one remained inside the truck with Mr. Haas who was wearing a seat belt.

Aspen sustained life-threatening injuries and was airlifted from the scene by Care Flight to Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno. Her updated condition was not known this afternoon. The other 4 victims were initially taken by ground ambulance to Banner Churchill Community Hospital in Fallon before being transferred to Renown Regional Medical Center either by ground ambulance or Care Flight. Their injuries observed at the scene ranged from moderate to serious.

*As a reminder to all motorists, seat belts not only save lives, but they also keep occupants restrained in their seats, thus reducing the severity of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle collision. With the summer season upon us, more and more families' may be taking vacations involving travel by automobile. Please ensure that every one remains seat belted at all times as most collisions occur without any warning.*

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