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## **Media Release**

### **Sparks Woman Dies in Motorcycle Accident Near West Fernley**

**UPDATE: The Washoe County Medical Examiner-Coroner's office has identified the driver of the motorcycle to be Athene Louise Vanpool a 27-year-old female from Sparks Nevada.**

On Friday July 15, 2011 at approximately 08:21 am, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a fatal accident on Interstate 80 approximately seven miles west of Fernley.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that a 27-year-old female from Sparks was traveling eastbound on IR-80 on a Motorcycle. The female with only a motorcycle instruction permit lost control of the motorcycle striking the guardrail. The female died at the scene of the accident. Once the next-of-kin have been notified, we will release the name of the deceased driver.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision, or who can provide additional information, is encouraged to contact Department of Public Safety-Communications Center @ (775) 687-0400 regarding case # NHP-1107150392.

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