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Media Release

Sun Valley Resident Identified and Name Released from Friday's Fatality Crash

The man who was killed in the motorcycle accident on US 395 near the Glendale Ave interchange this past Friday afternoon around 1:01 pm has been identified. 48-year-old Douglas L. McKinnon of Sun Valley died from his injuries about 30 minutes following the accident at Renown Regional Medical Center at approximately 1:31 pm. His immediate family was notified of the tragedy over the weekend and they made a request to our agency not to release his name to the public until this morning.

The crash is being investigated by our Major Accident Investigation Team or M.A.I.T. Witnesses to the event, or anyone that can provide additional information, are encouraged to contact Trooper Mike Gocke (pronounced Go-kee) at (775) 689-4682 or the Department of Public Safety-Communications Center @ (775) 687-0400 regarding case # NHP-1105060789.

As a safety reminder, motorists should be certain that when making lane changes that it can be accomplished safely. Because of their small stature and overall size, motorcycles are more difficult to see. With the warmer temperatures we are experiencing, there will be more motorcycles out on the highways and roadways. The following safety tips are provided to assist and remind all motorists:

- Motorcyclists should wear a reflective vest when riding in an effort to be more visible
- Always wear a Department of Transportation approved helmet
- Drive and ride with headlamps turned on to be more visible
- Always signal properly before making a lane change and be certain the adjacent lane is clear
- Motorcyclists often downshift their transmission to slow down so brake lamps may not be illuminated
- Maintain a safe following distance with other traffic
- Share the roads safely and responsibly at all times

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