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Media Release

Sun Valley Resident Killed in Motorcycle Crash on US 395 near the Glendale Interchange

This afternoon at approximately 1:01 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to an accident involving a motorcycle that took place on southbound US 395 in Reno near the Glendale Avenue interchange. The preliminary crash investigation details learned so far indicate that a black 2010 Nissan Versa 4-door sedan was traveling south in the #2 or second lane from the left of the 4 southbound lanes. Traveling in the # 3 lane, or to the immediate right of the lane occupied by the Nissan, was a burgundy colored Kawasaki motorcycle.

It appears the driver of the Nissan failed to observe the motorcyclist as he attempted to change lanes. The right side of the Nissan struck the left side of the motorcycle. The motorcycle and rider, identified as a 48-year-old male resident from Sun Valley, traveled toward the Glendale off ramp where he and his bike struck an interchange exit sign. The cyclist sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to Renown Regional Medical Center by ground ambulance. He succumbed to his injuries at the hospital at approximately 1:31 pm. Once we are certain that his family has been properly notified, we will release his name.

The driver of the Nissan, 61-year-old Mark S. Davis of Grass Valley, California, was not injured in the collision and stopped his vehicle near the right shoulder of the highway near the accident scene. Neither alcohol nor drugs are suspected in this tragic event. Troopers from the Major Accident Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.) will be completing the investigation and witnesses are encouraged to call Trooper Mike Gocke (pronounced Go-Kee) regarding case # NHP-1105060789.

The accident resulted in the far two southbound lanes as well as the Glendale off ramp to be closed for nearly 3 hours. Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) personnel assisted with the temporary lane closures. All lanes were completely re-opened at approximately 3:50 pm.

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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