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Traffic Stop Leads to Suspect Running Across Interstate 15 and Killed by Tractor Trailer

On September 13, 2011 at approximately 7:08 p.m., Nevada Highway Patrol responded to a collision on Interstate 15, north of the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Preliminary investigation reveals, that the Southern Nevada Interdiction Task Force consisting of multiple Local Law Enforcement agencies were working an enforcement detail on I-15 in the area of mile marker 65. A traffic stop was conducted on a gold Lexus 4 door passenger vehicle traveling northbound on I-15 at Mile marker 65 for a traffic violation. The vehicle was driven by a Hispanic male adult who had two passengers.

During the traffic stop an unknown amount of narcotics were discovered by the task force and the driver and two passengers were placed into custody. Shortly after being placed into custody the driver attempted to make an escape by running west across the northbound travel lanes of I-15. The driver was struck by a blue and white tractor trailer traveling north in the #1 travel lane.

The driver who's identity is being withheld due to the investigation was pronounced deceased at the scene at 1:30am by Clark County Coroner Investigator Tiffany Brown.

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