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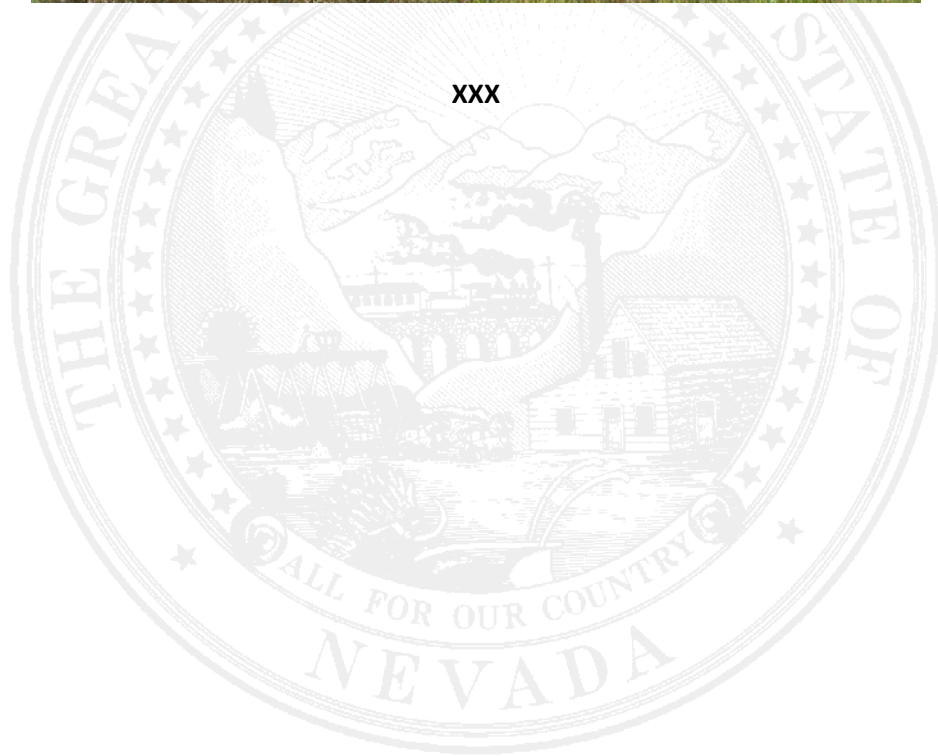
Troopers Investigating Single Vehicle Rollover Accident in Washoe Valley

On Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at approximately 11:58 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol responded to a single vehicle rollover accident on US 395, just south of the Bellevue interchange in Washoe Valley.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that 24-year-old Joseph A. Thompson-Rettagliata of Carson City was traveling south on the highway in his 1986 burgundy colored Subaru wagon. The right rear tire on the Subaru malfunctioned causing the tread to separate which resulted in tire failure. The Subaru started to veer toward the right-hand shoulder of the highway when the driver over-corrected the vehicle's steering to the left. As the vehicle continued toward the center of the southbound highway, he over-corrected the steering once more to the right. The vehicle departed the right roadway edge and rolled over several times coming to rest on its top.

Thompson-Rettagliata was wearing a seat belt and sustained an injury to his arm and hand. He was transported from the scene and taken to Carson-Tahoe Hospital via ground ambulance.

As a safety reminder to motorists who experience such tire failure or a blow-out, don't panic, ease off the accelerator, and gradually apply the brakes and steer the vehicle safely toward the right side of the highway and stop.



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