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Vehicle Accidents involving NHP and Carson Sheriff's Office

On March 24, 2011 at approximately 8:09 hours, Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper drove up to a single vehicle accident southbound US 395 off ramp to Carson Street involving a red Oldsmobile driven by Monica Michelle Spraggins a resident of Carson City. While investigating the first accident a white Hyundai lost control blocking the off ramp. A white van driving too fast for conditions lost control striking the Hyundai continuing into the Highway Patrol vehicle with the Trooper still in the driver's seat and into the red Oldsmobile. This accident is still being investigated by the Nevada Highway Patrol. The Trooper sustained minor injuries and was taken to Carson Tahoe Hospital for precautionary measures.

Carson City Sheriff's Department responded to assist in traffic control driving up on another disabled vehicle in the number one traffic lane prior to US 395 off ramp to Carson Street. The deputy was setting up safety flares for the vehicle when a silver Saturn driven by Cecilia Rose Norma Ristau a 20 year-old Carson resident traveling southbound lost control sliding on the snow covered roadway towards the Deputy. The Saturn begins to spin sideways while the Deputy attempts to run from the vehicle. The Saturn strikes the Deputy sending him over the hood of the vehicle, and the Saturn continued into the cement barrier wall. The Deputy was transported to the Carson Tahoe Hospital for minor injuries.

Ms. Ristau was arrested for Possession of a controlled substance, DUI Drugs, Speed too fast for conditions and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The Saturn had three other occupants in the Saturn including Eric Augustas Segan who was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of Marijuana.

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