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Vehicle Rollover in Spanish Springs Kills 20 Year-Old Passenger and Injures 16 Year-Old Driver

On Thursday afternoon, October 13, 2011, at approximately 12:29 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol responded to a single vehicle rollover crash on State Route 445 (Pyramid Highway) near the intersection of Calle De La Plata in Spanish Springs.

The details of the crash indicate that a black 1991 Toyota 4 Runner SUV, driven by a 16-year-old from Sparks, was traveling southbound when he allowed his vehicle to veer off the right roadway edge. The vehicle continued off the road for a short distance before the driver over-corrected the vehicle's steering to the left. The vehicle traveled toward the highway when the driver over-corrected the steering once more to the right. The vehicle entered a broadside skid and rolled over several times just west of the highway near a culvert.

The male passenger riding inside the vehicle, 20-year-old Ryan T. Hall of Sparks, was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the Toyota during the crash. He was pronounced deceased at the scene while the teenage driver, who was wearing a seat belt, was airlifted from the scene by Care Flight and flown to Renown Regional Medical Center for injuries described as serious.

Our agency cannot release the name of the juvenile driver at this time due to the fact that drug paraphernalia was located on him and marijuana and other paraphernalia was located inside the vehicle.

Both lanes of the highway were closed for a short period of time to stage Care Flight adjacent to the crash scene. The Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating this crash and witnesses to the event or anyone with additional information is encouraged to call Trooper Eric Gallagher at (775) 689-4661 regarding case # NHP-111012066.

