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Media Release

Washoe County Sheriff's Deputy Injured in On-Duty Crash near Washoe Valley

On Friday, December 23, 2011 at approximately 12:52 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single-vehicle crash involving a deputy from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. The details of the crash investigation so far indicate that 35-year-old Deputy Shatawna M. Miller was on duty and driving her assigned 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe patrol vehicle.

Deputy Miller had been traveling southbound on Kelly Canyon Road and was approaching the intersection of State Route 429, not far from the entrance to Davis Creek Regional Park. For reasons still being investigated, she applied the brakes of the SUV and departed the right roadway edge. Her patrol vehicle hit a metal highway marker post before striking a section of wooden split rail fence causing damage to the front of the patrol unit. The vehicle came to rest on its wheels adjacent to the two-lane highway. Deputy Miller's injuries were initially thought to be moderate in nature and she was transported to Renown Regional Medical Center by REMSA personnel where her condition was upgraded and she was treated and later released. No other vehicles were involved.

Witnesses to the crash, or anyone with additional information, are encouraged to call Trooper Chava (pronounced Hăvă) Rothschild at (775) 688-2500 ext 2 during normal business hours, or the Department of Public Safety-Communications Center @ (775) 687-0400 anytime regarding case number NHP-11122133.

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