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## **Media Release**

### **California Man Killed in Vehicle Rollover in Las Vegas**

On Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at approximately 12:05pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to an accident on Interstate 15 at Silverado Ranch Blvd.

The preliminary crash investigation details reveal a red 1995 Toyota 4-Runner, being driven by 21 year old Naoki Furihata of La Verne, California, was traveling northbound on I-15 in the #2 travel lane. A white 2005 Toyota Corolla was traveling northbound on I-15 in the #3 travel lane. The driver of the Toyota Corolla made an unsafe lane change to the left entering the travel lane that was occupied by the Toyota 4-Runner. Naoki Furihata steered the Toyota 4-Runner left and entered the closed #1 travel lane. Naoki Furihata overcorrected to the right and the Toyota 4-Runner crossed the #2 travel lane and entered the #3 travel lane. Naoki Furihata overcorrected to the left and the Toyota 4-Runner rotated counter-clockwise causing it to overturn. The Toyota 4-Runner came to rest on its wheels facing west in the #1 and #2 travel lanes of northbound I-15 and caught fire.

Naoki Furihata, his 60 year old male passenger and 53 year old female passenger were transported to University Medical Center.

The driver of the white 2005 Toyota Corolla was not injured. Naoki Furihata succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead on May 30, 2012, at 1701 hours.

All occupants were wearing seatbelts and no impairment is suspected.

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