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## Media Release

### *Driver Ejected and Killed in Single-Vehicle Rollover Crash on US 395 near the Red Rock Interchange*

On Thursday, December 13, 2012 at approximately 9:30 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single-vehicle crash on US 395 just south of the Red Rock interchange.  The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that a burgundy 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser was traveling northbound on the freeway at very high rate of speed.  The driver and sole occupant of the SUV, 34-year-old Kariann J. Beechler of Reno, utilized the right paved shoulder to pass a commercial motor vehicle that was traveling in the right travel lane while another vehicle was in the left lane traveling slightly ahead of the big-rig.
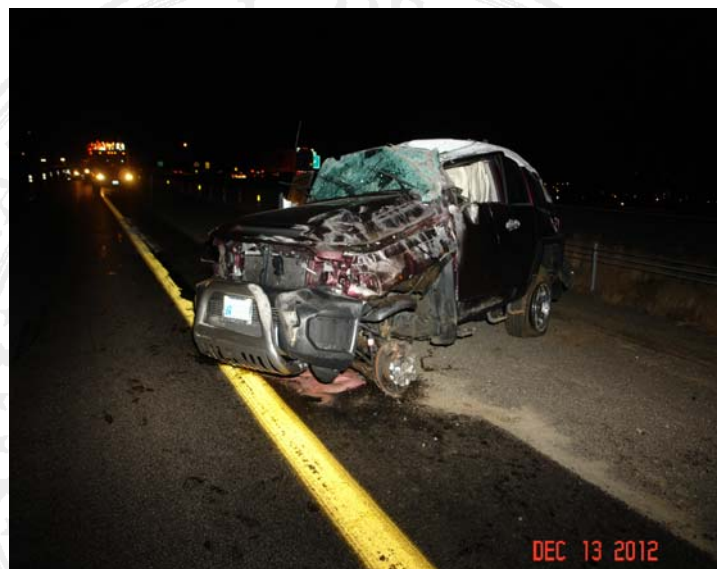
The SUV departed the right edge of the payment when Ms. Beechler over-corrected her vehicle's steering to the left.  The vehicle then traveled across both northbound lanes and rolled over multiple times ejecting her in the event.  Ms. Beechler sustained fatal injuries in the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene.  No other vehicles were struck in the event. Investigators will have to wait for the results of the toxicology report to see if alcohol was an additional contributing factor to this crash.

Both left lanes of north and southbound US 395 were closed for approximately 4 hours while troopers completed their on-scene portion of the crash investigation.

Additional witnesses to the crash are encouraged to call Trooper Chris Kelly of the Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) at (775) 689-4661 regarding case number NHP-121211911.

*As a safety reminder to all motorists, please always wear a seat belt anytime you drive or ride in a motor vehicle regardless of how long or short your commute is.*

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