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## **Media Release**

### **Henderson Man Killed in a Single Vehicle Rollover Crash**

On Saturday, March 24, 2012, at approximately 6:45 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single vehicle roll-over crash on State Route 160 at mile marker 14.

Preliminary Investigation reveals that a white 2001 Pontiac Firebird convertible was traveling eastbound on State Route 160 (Blue Diamond Highway) in the #1 travel lane, east of mile marker 14 Clark.

The fifty (50) year old driver, William Daniel Taratko, Jr. from Henderson, Nevada, allowed his vehicle's right side tires to travel off the south roadway edge.

William Taratko Jr. overcorrected the steering to the left and his vehicle rotated counter-clockwise across the centerline and westbound #1 travel lane. The vehicle's right side struck the north side guardrail causing William Taratko Jr., who was not wearing his seatbelt, to be ejected.

The vehicle overturned in a northeasterly direction and came to rest on its wheels, facing west.

William Daniel Taratko Jr. was pronounced dead on scene.

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