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Injury Rollover Crash on IR-580 Near the Moana Lane Interchange

On Friday, December 7, 2012 at approximately 10:48 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were alerted to a crash involving a vehicle that rolled over near the northbound off ramp to Moana Lane in Reno. When troopers arrived on scene minutes later, they observed a white Isuzu SUV on its right side not far from the right-of-way chain link fence on the east side of the freeway off ramp. There was also a grey colored Nissan SUV parked near the center concrete barrier on the northbound side of freeway. The driver of the Isuzu was being attended by other motorists who had stopped to render assistance.

After speaking to both motorists, it is believed the driver of the Isuzu had been traveling north in the far left northbound lane of IR-580 by a 42-year-old female from Reno. The driver of the Nissan was traveling northbound in the middle of the three northbound travel lanes slightly ahead of the Isuzu. The driver of the Nissan failed to observe the Isuzu as she transitioned into the left lane causing the driver of the Isuzu to steer left to avoid a collision. The Isuzu struck the center barrier dividing the north and southbound travel lanes before veering right and traveling across all three lanes.

The vehicle continued to travel onto the northbound Moana off ramp before rolling over as it departed the east side of the freeway. The Isuzu rolled over several times as it traveled through the chain link right-of-way fence and came to rest on its right side. The lone female driver crawled out of her vehicle and had a very obvious injury to her head. Reno Fire Department and REMSA personnel assisted with treatment at the scene and the injured driver was transported to Reno Regional Medical Center shortly thereafter. The other motorist was not injured and received a citation for making an unsafe lane change. No other vehicles were involved.

The northbound off ramp was closed shortly after the crash to stage emergency vehicles, secure roadway evidence and to remove the rolled over SUV. The lane was re-opened shortly before twelve noon.



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