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## **Media Release**

### **Investigation Continues with Crash and Arrest Involving an Off Duty Mineral County Sheriff's Office Deputy**

On Wednesday morning, March 14, 2012, at approximately 4:15 am, a trooper with the Nevada Highway Patrol was dispatched to investigate a single vehicle rollover crash involving an off-duty deputy with the Mineral County Sheriff's Office. The crash happened around 4:00 am on Lucky Boy Pass Road, approximately 1 mile from the intersection of State Route 359 in Mineral County, approximately 7 miles west of Hawthorne. This particular thoroughfare is a well groomed dirt road maintained by the county. The involved vehicle was a white 2003 Ford F-250 pickup that had been traveling eastbound on the dirt road when the driver lost control of the vehicle which subsequently rolled over.

When the trooper arrived on scene he observed two men being treated by EMS personnel for minor injuries related to the crash. The driver was identified as 34-year-old Brian J. Munden and the passenger was identified as 21-year-old Trevor Powell, both from Hawthorne. When asked by the investigating trooper, Mr. Munden refused to perform field sobriety tests as well as a preliminary breath test at the scene. He was placed under arrest and transported to the Mineral County Detention Facility where he did submit to an evidentiary breath test with results over the legal limit of .08%.

Due to a safety consideration, Deputy Munden was transported to the Lyon County Detention Facility in Yerington, approximately 58 miles away, where he was booked on driving under the influence of alcohol-first offense. His total bail amount was listed at \$1127 dollars.

A booking photo is also attached.

