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Trooper Involved Shooting After Car Pursuit in Laughlin, Nevada

On Sunday, March 4, 2012, at approximately 4:28 pm, a trooper from the Nevada Highway Patrol attempted to overtake a newer model white Mazda RX8 on east bound State Route 163 at approximately mile marker six when a pursuit was initiated.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the initiating Trooper was involved in a minor collision with the jersey wall on State Route 163 at approximately mile marker eleven (11) as the Mazda continued east bound.

A second Trooper picked up the pursuit on State Route 163 east at Needles Highway. The Mazda turned right onto South Casino Drive and continued until entering into a parking lot near the Regency Casino with the Trooper still in pursuit. Shortly after entering the parking lot, a total of three (3) shots were fired by the Trooper.

Due to the remote location of the parking lot, public safety was not compromised nor was the public placed in any danger. The Mazda exited the parking lot and turned right onto South Casino Drive where it collided with the center median and became disabled.

The male driver was placed into custody. A female passenger was transported to local hospital and treated for injuries sustained in the collision. She was later released. No charges are expected to be filed on her.

At this point we are not releasing any names of those involved as the investigation continues.

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