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Media Release

Troopers Investigating Crash on Interstate 80 Involving Two Commercial Motor Vehicles

On December 1, 2012, at approximately 2:40 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol responded to a serious injury accident involving two commercial motor vehicles on eastbound Interstate 80 near mile marker 67; approximately 19 miles east of Fernley.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a blue 2005 Freightliner tractor towing an enclosed semi-trailer, driven by Lawrence Burnett Jr, 34 of Sacramento, was traveling eastbound when the vehicle drifted into the median and subsequently overturned. The big-rig came to rest on its right side with the tractor in the median along with the trailer blocking nearly the entire width of both eastbound travel lanes. He was not injured in that event.

Shortly thereafter, a red 2011 Volvo tractor, also towing an enclosed semi-trailer and driven by Allen Weaver, 64 from Payette, Idaho, was traveling eastbound when the left front of the tractor struck the rear of the overturned trailer. This vehicle continued into the median where it came to rest. Mr. Weaver sustained serious injuries and had to be extricated from the vehicle by Fallon/Churchill Fire Rescue and Banner Churchill Ambulance personnel. He was transported to Renown, in Reno, by Care Flight. The collision is being investigated by the Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.).

Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to call Trooper Chris Kelly at 775-689-4661, regarding case number NHP-121200047.

Press release completed by NHP Trooper Trent Barnes, regional public information officer for the Fallon and Fernley districts.

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