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## **Media Release**

### **Troopers Investigating Rollover Crash on US 50 Alternate near Fernley**

On Monday, May 21, 2012 at approximately 11:12 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single-vehicle rollover crash on US 50 Alternate, approximately 8 miles south of Fernley.

The details of the investigation so far indicate a blue 1995 Mercury Villager van, driven by 43-year-old David B. Spencer of Silver Springs, was traveling south bound on the two-lane highway at a very high rate of speed. Mr. Spencer had one passenger riding in the van, 44-year-old Samantha K. Ton, also from Silver Springs. Mr. Spencer failed to negotiate a right hand curve in the highway and continued to travel into the opposing lane before traveling off the east side of the highway. His vehicle struck a section of barbed wire fence before hitting a ditch causing the vehicle to vault into the air. The van rolled over several times ejecting the female passenger before coming to rest on its roof. Both occupants sustained serious injuries and were airlifted from the scene by Care flight and taken to Renown Regional Medical Center. No other vehicles were involved.

Trooper Chris Kelly of the Major Accident Investigation Team is handling this case and would like to talk to any witnesses to the crash or anyone who may have observed a driving pattern of the van shortly before it departed the roadway. He can be reached at (775) 689-4661 or at [ckelly@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:ckelly@dps.state.nv.us) regarding case number NHP-120520454.



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