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Troopers Investigating Single Vehicle Fatality Crash in Fernley

On Sunday afternoon, August 19th, at approximately 1:44 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a fatal motor vehicle accident in Fernley. The collision occurred on State Route 828, also known as Farm District Road, in Lyon County near mile marker 7.

When emergency personnel arrived on scene, they observed a black 1997 BMW 4-door sedan upside down in the irrigation canal just south of the roadway. It appears the driver was traveling west bound on the two-lane highway and failed to negotiate a right hand curve. The vehicle traveled into the oncoming lane and departed the roadway edge where it struck a large cottonwood tree. The vehicle rolled over onto its top in the dry irrigation canal and after ejecting the driver. The lone occupant in the BMW was found deceased underneath the vehicle. No other vehicles were involved.

The victim been identified as **35-year-old Jason A. La France of Fernley** and his immediate family has also been notified. It appears the Mr. La France was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown from the vehicle.

The Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team, or M.A.I.T., is investigating this crash. Anyone who has information regarding this collision is asked to contact Trooper Doug Hildebrand at 689-4623 or by e-mail at dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us regarding case # NHP-120819998.

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