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## **Media Release**

### **Two Pedestrians Killed in Incline Village Friday Evening Identified**

On Friday evening, December 30th, shortly before 8:00 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a pedestrian-involved collision on State Route 28 in Incline Village, just south of Village Blvd. The details of the crash investigated so far indicate that a black 2006 Chevrolet pickup was traveling southbound on the two-lane highway driven by 25-year-old Christopher Torii Smith from Grass Valley, California, along with three other passengers.

Crossing SR 28, from the east side of the roadway, were two pedestrians; one male and one female, both residents of Incline Village. Witness statements and evidence at the scene indicate the pedestrian were in or close to the painted crosswalk area when they were struck by the southbound pickup, as they crossed paths in the southbound travel lane.

The male pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene and the female pedestrian succumbed to her injuries while en route to Renown. They have both been identified as 46-year-old Robert C. Mathis and 46-year-old Linda Mathis, husband and wife, from Incline Village. Their family members have been notified of this tragedy.

Troopers suspected drug use was involved in this collision and Mr. Smith was arrested. He was booked at the Washoe County Jail on two counts of DUI causing death and failure to yield to a pedestrian. His total bail was listed at \$60,200 dollars and he was released from jail over the weekend.

The accident forced both directions of SR 28 to be closed for nearly four hours. At approximately 11:40 pm, the roadway was reopened and Nevada Department of Transportation personnel assisted our agency with the temporary traffic control duties.

Trooper Mike Stapledon of the Major Accident Investigation Team is the lead investigator for this horrific crash. Witnesses or anyone with additional information should contact him at (775) 689-4623 regarding case number NHP-111230851.

A copy of the booking photo of Christopher Smith is attached along with the photo of the truck he was driving.



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