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## **Media Release**

### ***Vehicle Crashes on US 395 Near the Mill Street Interchange Snarling Traffic***

On Wednesday April 4, 2012 at approximately 1:00 pm, a sergeant with the Nevada Highway Patrol arrived on the scene of a motor vehicle collision on southbound US 395 near the Mill Street interchange involving one vehicle. Witnesses to the event told troopers at the scene that a silver Honda Accord was observed driving recklessly by speeding excessively and weaving in and out of traffic just before it crashed.

For reasons still being investigated this afternoon, the driver, identified as 31-year-old Juan Bejar-Ortiz of Reno, departed the far right travel lane and struck a roadway barrier before darting across all three south bound lanes where his sedan struck the left, or inside, cement barrier. The 4-door sedan remained on its wheels and rotated several times before coming to rest blocking the left southbound lane. Due to the high speed collision, vehicle parts from the car were scattered across all three lanes. No other vehicles were involved.

Troopers were able to leave the far right lane open shortly after the event to allow traffic to pass by while firemen from the Reno Fire Department and paramedics from REMSA extricated Mr. Ortiz from his vehicle. His injuries were not believed to be life-threatening and he was transported to Renown Regional Medical Center. All three lanes were re-opened shortly after 2:00 pm as the vehicle was removed and towed away along with the debris field cleared.

