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Media Release

42-Year-Old Female killed in Pleasant Valley Crash

On Friday, November 1, 2013 at approximately 2:12 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to an accident on US 395 Alternate (US 395A) near Pagni Lane in Pleasant Valley.

On arrival, NHP Troopers determined that a 2000 Mazda pick-up truck had been traveling northbound on US395A at a high rate of speed when the driver made an abrupt turn to the right. The Mazda traveled east off the right roadway edge then began to rotate clockwise as it entered a broadside skid. The Mazda continued a crossed the gravel parking lot of the Pleasant Valley fire department substation then struck the south side of the building. The impact collapsed a section of the buildings wall and sent debris into the side of a fire truck stored inside causing minor damage to the apparatus. There was no injury inside the building as the fire station was unmanned at the time of the impact.

The driver of the Mazda was unbelted and the sole occupant. The driver sustained fatal injury and was pronounced at the scene by fire personnel. The identity of the 41 year old female from Reno is being held pending notification of her family.

The reason for the abrupt steering movement is still being investigated at this time and alcohol does not appear to be a factor.

The accident caused the temporary closure of one northbound travel lane for nearly three hours so that troopers could capture the roadway evidence and complete their on-scene portion of the investigation. Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) assisted our agency with traffic control duties by guiding motorists around the crash scene area.

Trooper Kris Satterwhite of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) is investigating this tragic event. Witnesses to the crash are encouraged to contact him at (775) 689-4682 or ksatterwhite@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-131100059.

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