

Brian Sandoval  
*Governor*



James Wright  
*Interim Director*

Troy Abney  
*Chief*  
*Nevada Highway Patrol*

July 10, 2013

Trooper Dan Lopez  
Nevada Highway Patrol-Northern Command  
Public Information Officer  
[dlopez@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:dlopez@dps.state.nv.us)  
(775) 720-2518

## **Media Release**

### **Crash on US 50 Five Miles South of Dayton Kills Three**

On Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at approximately 3:31 pm, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a head-on vehicle accident on US 50 approximately 5 miles south of Dayton near the six mile canyon road.

The preliminary crash investigation details learned so far indicate that a white ford F-150 driven by Ellis Lee Erwin a 73-year-old Dayton Resident was traveling eastbound on US 50 when for unknown reasons drifted in to the westbound travel lanes striking a white Toyota Camry. The passenger in the white ford truck was identified as Louise Ky. Erwin a 72-year-old also from Dayton. Both occupants in the white ford truck sustained life-threatening injuries and both were pronounced deceased at the scene. The white Toyota was driven by Michelle Marie Stratton a 43-year-old Dayton Valley resident sustained life-threatening injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Public safety personnel temporarily closed the westbound travel lanes allowing traffic to use the dirt shoulder. One eastbound lane was open to allow traffic to flow eastbound. All lanes were open at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Trooper Doug Hildebrand of the Major Accident Investigation Team or M.A.I.T. is investigating this tragedy. Witnesses or anyone with information are encouraged to contact him at (775) 688-2500 or [dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us) regarding case number NHP-1230700961

**XXXX**