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Media Release

Driver and Passenger Involved in Single-Vehicle Rollover Crash on US Highway 95 North of Hawthorne in Mineral County Identified

On Friday morning, December 27th, at approximately 8:14 am, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single-vehicle rollover crash on US Highway 95 in Mineral County, approximately 23 miles north of Hawthorne.

The preliminary details of the incident indicate a white 1966 Chevrolet pickup was traveling north on the two-lane highway driven by 60-year-old Steven D. Gordon from Crescent Valley. Riding in the cab with him was 36-year-old Angelina C. Lopez from Pahrump. The weather conditions yesterday morning on this section of highway included freezing fog and the roadway surface had patches of ice.

Evidence at the scene indicated the pickup lost traction causing the rear portion of the truck to spin in a clock-wise direction as it departed the right travel lane and onto the dirt shoulder area. The pickup subsequently overturned and ejected Lopez before coming to rest on its roof just east of the highway. Lopez sustained life-threatening injuries and was pronounced deceased a short time later at the accident scene. Gordon was taken by ground ambulance to Mount Grant General Hospital in Hawthorne for minor injuries where he was treated and later released. The pick up had seat belts installed and neither occupant was using one. No other vehicles were involved.

Trooper Chris Kelly of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating this tragedy. Witnesses or anyone with additional information about the crash should contact him at (775) 689-4661 or ckelly@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-131202406.



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