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Media Advisory

Female Passenger Identified in Wrong-Way Driver Causes Head-on Collision on US 50 near Centennial Way

On Sunday, June 23, 2013 at approximately 3:28 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 50 near mile marker 14, west of dump hill in Carson City.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate a blue Nissan Altima, driven by 34-year-old Jason W. Cloutier of Carson, was traveling the wrong way, or east, in the left westbound travel lane of US50. For an unknown reason the driver of Nissan's vehicle struck the front of white Ford Taurus head-on. The Nissan Altima was occupied by two and the female passenger sustained fatal injuries at the scene. The driver of the Nissan was transported via care flight to Renown with critical injuries. The driver of the Taurus sustained fatal injuries on scene.

The westbound and eastbound travel lanes of US50 were closed for approximately 5 hours. At approximately 8:28 a.m. all travel lanes were opened.

The passenger of the Nissan Altima has been identified as 26-year-old Sierra Grace Woodward, out of Carson City. The Washoe County Coroner's Office has not yet identified the driver of the Ford Taurus at this time.

It is believed that alcohol is a factor in this accident.

Trooper Chris Kelly of the Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating this accident. Witnesses or anyone with additional information are encouraged to contact him at (775) 689-4661 or ckelly@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP- 130602135

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