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## **Media Release**

### **Motorcyclist Seriously Injured in Crash after Colliding with Guardrail**

Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol are continuing to investigate a crash involving a single motorcycle that happened on Sunday, May 26, 2013 at approximately 9:27 pm on the off ramp to North Virginia Street from US 395 near the Panther Valley area.

Minutes before the crash happened, a deputy on patrol with Washoe County Sheriff's Office observed a red 2004 Honda CBR 600 F4 motorcycle traveling southbound on US 395 in the North Valleys area at a very high rate of speed. The deputy attempted to overtake the motorcycle and initiate a traffic stop, but the motorcyclist continued to accelerate at speeds estimated at over 100 miles per hour. Due to the safety of other motorists sharing the freeway, the deputy disengaged or terminated his efforts to stop the speeding bike a short time prior to the collision.

When troopers arrived at the scene of the crash, roadway marks and other evidence at the scene indicated the motorcycle exited the freeway at a high rate of speed and the rider failed to negotiate a sweeping right-hand curve. 24-year-old Loren O. Harper of Reno allowed the motorcycle to travel toward the left portion of the roadway edge where the bike struck a section of guardrail. The collision with the roadside barrier ejected Harper from his motorcycle resulting in multiple injuries to his body. He was transported to Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno by REMSA personnel and is currently in stable condition at the hospital this morning.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash and any charges related to this event have not yet been filed.

Witnesses to the event or anyone with additional information may contact the Department of Public Safety-Communication Center at (775) 687-0400 regarding case number NHP-130522487.

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