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Media Advisory

One Dead After NHP Vehicle was Carjacked on Traffic Stop

On Monday, January 28, 2013 at approximately 1555 hours, Troopers with the Nevada Highway Patrol indicated a traffic stop eastbound on IR80 at Mustang on a Gray 2013 Ford Explorer with Florida registration, the vehicle was occupied by four subjects, three male and one female.

The driver and one of the passengers are identified as 29-year-old Manuel Alejandro Rodriguez out of Jacksonville FL, and 23-year-old Christian M. Magllano Alzpuruu out of Jacksonville FL. The other male and the female suspects have not been identified at this time.

The preliminary investigation indicates one of the suspects exited the vehicle and stole Trooper Nival's patrol vehicle and proceeded eastbound on IR80 at unknown speeds. As other law enforcement vehicle engaged in the pursuit of the stolen patrol vehicle they attempted to disable it by shooting out the tires. Law enforcement was able to disabled the vehicle on IR80 at Mustang where the suspect exited the patrol vehicle along with the trooper's shotgun and carjacked a 2007 Silver Pontiac Grand Prix. The driver of the Grand Prix was unharmed.

The suspect then continued eastbound in the Grand Prix at unknown speeds, he attempted to pass a semi truck when for an unknown reason he lost control of the vehicle and crashed. The suspect exited the vehicle with the stolen shotgun and began shooting in the air before opening fire on himself. He then crossed over into the westbound travel lanes where he shot himself two more times. At which time medical began to treat the suspect for his injuries. The suspect did not survive his self inflicted gunshots wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The names of victim will not be released until the Washoe County Coroner's Office has positively identified him and the next of kin has been notified. The female suspect's name will be release as it becomes known.

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