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Media Release

Pedestrian Struck and Killed by Driver of Toyota 4-Runner SUV while Crossing E. William Street near Mills Park in Carson City

On Friday, February 8, 2013 at approximately 6:33 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a crash in Carson City on E. William Street near Mills Park involving a pedestrian who was struck by a vehicle. When troopers arrived on scene, along with deputies from Carson City Sheriff's Office and other first responders, they learned a 46-year-old male had been struck by a vehicle and the driver failed to stop to render any aid and fled the scene.

A witness to the accident who was driving east on the four-lane roadway described the errant vehicle as an older model gray or silver colored Toyota 4-Runner SUV with a lifted suspension kit, black wheels and tinted windows. The witness told troopers he applied the brakes when he saw the pedestrian attempting to cross the eastbound lanes from the north side of the highway. He further stated the SUV, that was also traveling east, struck the pedestrian in the right lane. The pedestrian initially ended up on the hood of the Toyota before rolling or falling off the vehicle approximately 40 yards east of the area of impact. The driver of the Toyota did not stop and fled the area while the witness remained at the scene until emergency personnel arrived a few minutes later.

We are asking the public for assistance in locating the driver and vehicle of this tragedy. If you are the driver who was involved, please come forward and speak to the investigators about this case. Trooper Kris Satterwhite of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team, or MAIT, is the lead investigator and can be contacted at (775) 689-4682 or at <u>ksatterwhite@dps.state.nv.us</u> regarding case number NHP-130207312. Any information, regardless of how insignificant it may appear, will be helpful in solving this tragic event.

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