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## **Media Release**

### ***Wrong-Way Driver Causes Head-on Collision on Interstate 80 near Derby Dam***

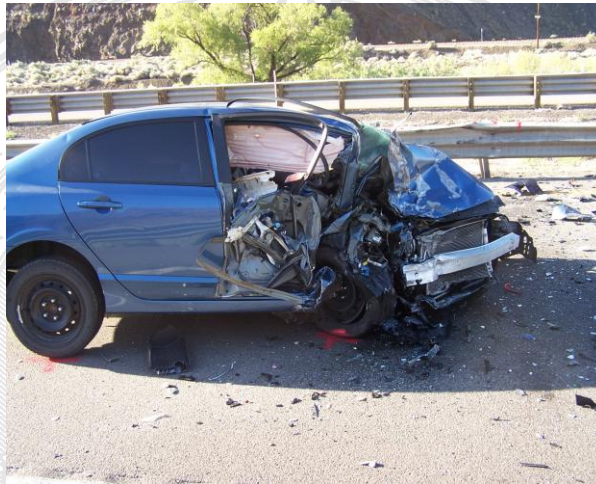
On Sunday, May 26, 2013 at approximately 5:44 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a head-on collision on Interstate 80 near mile marker 35, approximately one mile west of the Derby Dam interchange, or approximately 11 miles west of Fernley.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate a blue 2008 Honda Civic 4-door sedan, driven by 22-year-old Yves Nuyts of Sparks, was traveling the wrong way, or east, in the left westbound travel lane of Interstate 80. The errant driver's vehicle struck the front of a black 2011 Chevrolet Cruze 4-door sedan head-on that was driven by 18-year-old Steven J. Gibson of Reno. Both drivers were extricated from their vehicle by fire and medical personnel and transported to Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno. Nuyts was transported by Care Flight while Gibson was taken by ground ambulance.

Nuyts has life-threatening injuries and alcohol is believed to be a contributing factor in this collision while Gibson's injuries are believed to be moderate.

Both lanes of westbound Interstate 80 were closed until shortly after 8:00 am when troopers were able to allow one lane of traffic to proceed by utilizing the right paved shoulder. Both lanes are expected to be re-opened and the entire scene cleared by 9:00 am.

Trooper Doug Hildebrand of the Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating this holiday weekend tragedy. Witnesses or anyone with additional information are encouraged to contact him at (775) 689-4623 or [dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us) regarding case number NHP- 130522440.



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