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Media Release

Critically Injured Motorcyclist in Last Wednesday's Crash in Reno Succumbed to Injuries Last Evening at the Hospital

The motorcyclist who was critically injured in the crash involving two other vehicles last week in Reno died last evening at Renown Regional Medical Center. On Wednesday, July 30th, 59-year-old Kevin J. Ness of Oakland, California, was thrown from his black 2008 Victory Vision motorcycle after his bike was struck by a vehicle on eastbound Interstate 80 near the Wells Avenue interchange.

The chain of events happened around 12:20 pm when the driver of a silver-blue 1989 Toyota Camry, driven by 62-year-old Harry D. Preston of Corning, California, swerved to avoid a collision with the vehicle ahead that allegedly slowed for congested traffic. Preston failed to see the white 2007 PT Cruiser in the adjacent lane that was driven by Robert K. Brackett of Ukiah, California, causing the two vehicles to collide. Brackett's vehicle traveled into the adjacent lane where it struck the motorcycle ridden by Ness.

The crash resulted in the closure of several eastbound lanes of the freeway that afternoon while troopers completed their on-scene portion of the investigation. Once the comprehensive fatality crash report is completed, any and all criminal charges will be recommended to the Washoe County District Attorney's Office for review.

As a safety reminder, motorists should always focus on their driving at all times. By minimizing distractions, observing slower or congested traffic ahead, to making sure that all lane changes are completed safely and with proper signaling and notice will greatly reduce the chance of an unplanned event while driving.

Trooper Doug Farris is investigating this tragic event. Witnesses or anyone with additional information about this event are encouraged to contact him at (775) 689-4614 or dfarris@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-140702711.



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