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Media Release

Driver of Hit-and-Run Vehicle Involved in Crash with Reno Police Department Motorcycle Officer Wednesday on I-80 Arrested this Afternoon

The motorist involved in the hit-and-run crash on Interstate 80 in Reno two days ago that injured a Reno Police Officer was arrested this afternoon by the Nevada Highway Patrol. On July 30th, at approximately 2:02 pm, Officer Guy Cooper, a 17-year-veteran of the Reno Police Department, was riding his agency-issued BMW motorcycle eastbound on I-80 near the Virginia Street interchange and had slowed for congested traffic. 21-year-old Nathaniel D. Wall of Reno failed to reduce the speed of the 1996 Dodge pickup he was driving and struck the rear of the motorcycle. Cooper sustained moderate injuries in the event while Wall fled the scene and the damaged pickup was found abandoned in Sparks a short time later that afternoon.

For the past two days, law enforcement personnel from the Nevada Highway Patrol, Sparks Police Department, Nevada Division of Parole and Probation, and the FBI collaborated and located Mr. Hall at a motel in Reno. He was placed under arrest this afternoon and charged with several offenses including leaving the scene of an injury accident- a felony-and is in custody at the Washoe County Detention Facility with a total bail amount of 24,025 dollars.

After the crash, Officer Cooper was taken to Renown Regional Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries. He was released from the hospital later that evening and is currently recovering at home. No other vehicles were involved in the event.

Witnesses or anyone with additional information about this event are encouraged to contact Sgt Scott Farmer, supervisor of the Major Accident Investigation Team, at (775) 689-4614 or sfarmer@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-140702725.

The booking photo of Nathaniel D. Wall is attached and was provided by WCSO, as well as a scene photo.

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