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Media Release

Early-Morning Crash on I80 Near USA Parkway Causes Major Traffic Jam

On Wednesday, November 5, 2014 just before 6:00 a.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to Interstate 80 eastbound just west of USA Parkway for a multiple vehicle accident that included 5 vehicles and a semi-truck. When troopers arrived on scene both eastbound travel lanes of I80 were blocked to all through traffic as a result of the accident.

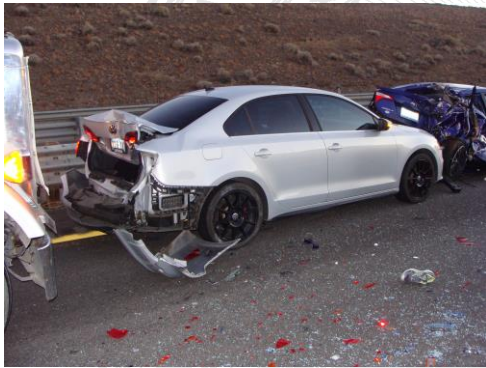
The crash investigation details learned so far indicate a 1990 Maroon Chevrolet pickup truck driven by 21 year old Luis E. Carreras-Moya of Reno was traveling eastbound on I-80 in the right lane behind a Blue Toyota passenger vehicle. The Blue Toyota was traveling behind a Red Dodge Stratus which was following a Toyota pickup. Due to congested traffic the Toyota pickup stopped in the travel lane with the Red Dodge and Blue Toyota also stopping. The Maroon Chevy pickup was traveling too fast for conditions and unable to stop in time and struck the rear of the blue Toyota.

After striking the Blue Toyota the Chevy pickup rotated and struck the right side of the Toyota pickup. After being struck the Blue Toyota struck the rear of the Red Dodge which was pushed into the rear of the Toyota pickup which was a second time. Just behind the initial crash a Silver Volkswagen was also traveling eastbound in I-80 in the left lane had to make a sudden stop to avoid the initial crash and was struck in the rear by a White Peterbilt semi-tractor hauling two trailers which was driven by 49 year old Raimondas Kurmonavicius of Reno.

The passenger from the Maroon Chevy pickup was transported to Renown with non-Incapacitating injuries to head. Both occupants of the Blue Toyota were transported to Renown with non-incapacitating injuries to lower extremities and the chest. The lone occupant of the Silver Volkswagen was transported to Renown for claimed injuries to the neck. No other occupants were injured.

The driver of the Maroon Chevrolet pickup was cited for Failure to use Due Care. The driver of the semi-truck was cited for Speed too Fast for Roadway/ Traffic Congestion. Alcohol or drugs are not a factor in this accident.

Trooper Chava Rothschild of the Nevada Highway Patrol Reno is investigating this accident. Witnesses or anyone with additional information are encouraged to contact her through the NHP Dispatch Center @ (775) 687-0400 or email at crothschild@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP- 141100376



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