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### Media Release

#### **Las Vegas Teen Ejected and Driver Arrested in Rollover Accident**

On Sunday, November 2, 2014 at approximately 5:11 a.m., Nevada Highway Patrol responded to a fatal accident on Summerlin Parkway, east of the Buffalo Drive off ramp.

Preliminary investigation indicates that a tan 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe and a white 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe, were traveling eastbound on Summerlin Parkway. Both vehicles were in the number one travel lane with the white Tahoe in front of the tan Tahoe.

The tan Tahoe was traveling at a greater speed than the white Tahoe and made an unsafe lane change into the number two travel lane. The 19 year old driver of the tan Tahoe, identified as Marcelo Zavala Jr. from Las Vegas, lost control of the tan Tahoe and it began to rotate counterclockwise. While rotating, the tan Tahoe entered the number one travel lane and its left front struck the right of the white Tahoe. The white Tahoe was redirected out of the number one travel lane, to the left and it struck a guardrail north of the roadway. The tan Tahoe was redirected in a southeastern direction and overturned. The tan Tahoe continued off the southern edge of the roadway into a dirt/rock landscaped area.

The left side, second row passenger of the tan Tahoe, a 19 year old male identified as Steven Salas-Limon from Las Vegas, and the right side, third row passenger of the tan Tahoe, a 17 year old male, were ejected as the vehicle overturned. Steven Salas-Limon succumbed to injuries sustained in the crash and was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner Investigator A. Modglin at 8:10am.

The 19 year old driver of the tan Tahoe, Marcelo Zavala Jr. was transported to UMC trauma and later arrested and booked into Clark County Detention Center for DUI with death, involuntary manslaughter, DUI with substantial bodily harm, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a valid driver's license, and unsafe lane change.

This marks Nevada Highway Patrol-Southern Command's 49<sup>th</sup> fatal accident for this year.

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