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## Media Release

## Motorcyclist Killed in Silver Springs After Striking Wild Horse in Roadway

On Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at approximately 8:25 pm, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a motorcycle versus wild horse accident which also involved the motorcyclist being struck by three other vehicles. The collision occurred on US 50 in Lyon Co. at mile marker 25 in Silver Springs.

The crash investigation details indicate a 2007 silver Harley Davidson motorcycle driven by an unknown white male was traveling westbound on US 50 in Silver Springs just west of Rocky Road when he struck a wild horse standing in the westbound travel lane. The motorcycle rider was ejected from his bike and was thrown into the eastbound travel lane where he came to rest. Just after the incident three passenger vehicles were traveling eastbound on US 50. The drivers of the vehicles did not see the accident occur or see the rider in the travel lane. They were unable to avoid striking the rider in the roadway.

All three vehicles did stop in an attempt to assist the down rider and contacted law enforcement through 911. The male motorcyclist was pronounced deceased at the scene. The speed limit in that area of US 50 is 65 miles per hour and there is no roadway lighting. The driver's of the vehicles involved are cooperating with law enforcement with their investigation. Alcohol or any other means of impairment are not a factor for the cause of the accident. The accident is still under investigation and no names are being release at this time until next of kin has been notified.

Trooper Doug Hildebrand of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating this tragic event. Witnesses or anyone with more information pertaining to the accident is encouraged to contact him at (775) 689-4623 or <a href="mailto:dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us">dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us</a> regarding case number NHP- 1410000820



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