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Media Release

Passenger Killed After Two Vehicle Crash on U.S. 95 in Esmeralda County

On Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at approximately 5:45 am, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a two vehicle collision that occurred on U.S. 95 in Esmeralda County.

The preliminary crash investigation details learned so far indicate a 2006 white Dodge Caravan was traveling northbound on U.S. 95 when for unknown reasons at this time the driver 60 year old Thomas Shea of Tonopah and two other passengers drifted off the right shoulder and over corrected. When the Dodge Caravan came back onto the highway it rotated to the left into the path of a black Toyota Prius traveling southbound which was driven by 56 year old Donyu Catino of Petaluma, CA. The front of the Prius collided with left side of the Dodge Caravan ejecting the left rear passenger an elderly female from the vehicle mortally wounding her. She was not wearing her seatbelt.

The driver and front passenger of the Dodge van and the driver of the Toyota Prius were all transported to Nye Regional Medical Center with serious non-life threatening injuries. U.S. 95 had delayed traffic for several hours while the NHP investigated the crash scene.

The speed limit in this area of U. S. 95 in Esmeralda Co. is 70 mph. Alcohol is not a factor in the cause of the accident. The name of the deceased is being withheld until the next of kin can be notified.

Trooper Chris Kelly of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Multi-Disciplinary Investigation and Reconstruction Team (MIRT) is investigating this incident. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or who may have information related to this incident is encouraged to reach out to him at (775) 689-4661 or ckelly@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-141101050.



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