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Media Release

Single Vehicle Crash South of Yerington Claims One Victim

On Monday evening December 15, 2014 at approximately 7:00 pm, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol Yerington office were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover accident that occurred on State Route 208 near mile marker 26 south of Yerington.

The crash investigation details indicate a 2002 Chrysler PT Cruiser driven by single occupant 58 year old Mark Allen Thorpe of Yerington was traveling East on SR 208 approaching mile marker 26 when for unknown reasons the vehicle drifted off the roadway and onto the South shoulder. Mr. Thorpe overcorrected back across both travel lanes and the North shoulder and into a field where it struck an irrigation pipe and overturned. Mr. Thorpe was ejected from his vehicle.

Mr. Thorpe was transported by ambulance to South Lyon Medical Center in Yerington where he succumbed to the injuries he sustained from the crash. The investigation dictates that Mr. Thorpe was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash. No lanes were blocked as a result of the accident.

It is unknown if alcohol or drugs were a factor as a cause of this accident. The accident is still under investigation. That area of SR 208 is one lane in each direction with a 55 mph per hour speed limit. There are no street lights in this area of SR 208.

Troopers Richard O'Dowd and Doug Kassebaum of the Nevada Highway Patrol Yerington Office are investigating this accident. Witnesses or anyone with additional information are encouraged to contact either of them @ (775) 463-7799 (Yerington Office) or rodowd@dps.state.nv.us or dkassebaum@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP- 141201359



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