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Media Release

Motorcyclist Killed in Silver Springs Horse Accident Identified

On Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at approximately 8:25 p.m., 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 indicated a 2007 silver Harley Davidson motorcycle driven by 49 year old Stefan R. Sobkiewicz of Silver Springs struck a wild horse standing in the westbound travel lane. Mr. Sobkiewicz was ejected from his bike and was thrown into the eastbound travel lane where he came to rest. Just after the crash a vehicle driven by Byron Norris of Silver Springs struck Mr. Sobkiewicz in the roadway followed by two other vehicles; one driven by Annette Middleton of Silver Springs and another driven by Alexandra Villanueva of Fallon. All three of the drivers attempted to avoid the unknown object at the time in the roadway along the dark stretch of US 50.

All three vehicles did stop in an attempt to assist the down rider and contacted law enforcement through 911. They all stayed on scene and cooperated with law enforcement.

Due to the injuries sustained from the accident the horse had to be dispatched on scene and taken away.

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 dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP- 1410000820

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