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Media Release

Accident Near Austin Kills Las Vegas Resident

On Thursday, May 14, 2015, at approximately 8:55 a.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol responded to a report of a vehicle crash westbound on US 50 approximately 2 miles east of Austin Summit. The vehicle had 6 occupants. All are from Las Vegas, Nevada.

Preliminary investigation reveals Mr. Marcos Mesa-Alarcon, age 54, from Las Vegas, Nevada, was driving a 1999 Mitsubishi Montero W/B on US 50 nearing the top of Austin Summit. The vehicle was approaching a left hand curve. For unknown reasons, Mr. Mesa-Alarcon allowed the vehicle to exit the north (right) paved shoulder. Mr. Mesa-Alarcon steered left and the vehicle traveled back onto the highway where it crossed the centerline. He then overcorrected, steering right and the vehicle traveled back to the right, crossing the W/B travel lane when it began to overturn. During rollover, 4 of the rear passengers were ejected. They were not wearing their seatbelts. The driver, and front passenger were wearing their seatbelts and remained inside the vehicle. The Mitsubishi came to rest on its wheels on the north dirt shoulder of US50.

Mr. Andres Tasker, age 63, from Las Vegas, Nevada, died at the scene. He was one of the 4 passengers that were ejected.

The driver, Mr. Mesa-Alarcon and the four remaining passengers were transported to local area hospitals for treatment.

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