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Media Release

Battle Mountain Resident Dies in I-80 Accident

On March 30, 2015, at approximately 9:29 a.m, Nevada Highway Patrol Troopers responded to a fatal accident I-80 W/B at mile marker 227 (west of Battle Mountain).

Preliminary investigation indicates that a Commercial Motor Vehicle was approaching a Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) crew of two men. The NDOT employees were working in the area of the right shoulder repairing cracks in the concrete. For unknown reasons the driver of the commercial motor vehicle allowed his vehicle to partially enter onto the right shoulder, striking one of the NDOT employees. The driver of the commercial vehicle brought the truck to a controlled stop. The NDOT employee was pronounced deceased on scene.

The NDOT employee struck and killed was Ronald Paul Raiche Jr. age 47, from Battle Mountain, Nevada.

The driver of the commercial vehicle was identified as Mario Alfonso Calzada, age 30, from Tijuana, Mexico. Based upon the preliminary investigation Mr. Calzada was taken into custody for Involuntary Manslaughter, Due Care, and no valid CDL (Commercial Driver's License). Alcohol and drugs do not appear to be contributing factors in this accident.

Any witnesses to this accident are encouraged to call the Nevada Highway Patrol at 775-753-1111 and ask for Sgt. Tamrah Jackson, or Trooper Zach Peterson.



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