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Media Release

Crash Near Sutcliffe Leaves One Person Dead, One Injured

On Friday, May 29, 2015 at approximately 8:30 p.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover accident that occurred on State Route 445 North of Sutcliffe near mile post 38 in Washoe County.

The preliminary investigation details indicate a silver 2001 Mitsubishi Galant driven by 35 year old Travis Gammon Wessman of Sun Valley along with passenger 39 year old Joshua James Wessman of Reno was traveling northbound on SR 445 at a high rate of speed. Mr. Travis Wessman failed to negotiate a curve and traveled across the center line and traveled onto the west side dirt shoulder. It struck a metal reflective post and then overturned. The vehicle came to rest on its top on the west dirt shoulder. Passenger Mr. Joshua Wessman was pronounced deceased at the scene of the crash as a result of his injuries. Driver Mr. Travis Wessman was transported to Renown via Care Flight with non-life threatening injuries.

Both occupants were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash. Alcohol is a contributing factor in the cause of the accident base upon evidence from the scene of the crash. Mr. Travis Wessman has charges pending after the investigation of the crash and results of voluntary blood test are completed.

State Route 445 was intermittently shut down for several hours while the crash scene was investigated and diagramed. This area of SR 445 is one lane in each direction and the speed limit is 65 mph with no roadway lighting.

Trooper Karen Garretson 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 her at (775) 689-4625 or kgarretson@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-150502581.

