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Media Release

Fatal Car Crash South of Mina Claims Two Victims

On Saturday, February 21, 2015 at approximately 7:00 a.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a semi-truck versus a utility vehicle accident that occurred on US 95 near mile marker six in Mineral County south of Mina.

Preliminary investigation indicates that a 2013 black Freightliner tractor with trailer driven by 52 year old Louis Manuel Plascencia of Madera, CA was traveling southbound on US 95 when he attempted to make a U-turn. As the rear of the trailer of the semi was still partially in the roadway it was struck in the left rear side by a 2013 Honda Pilot driven by 43 year old male Duong Chi Ly of Reno, along with passengers 44 year old Ardi Ly, 44 year old Trinh M. Duong and 50 year old Steven C. Lee all of Reno.

As a result of the collision the driver Mr. LY and his left rear passenger Ms. Duong died at the scene of the collision. Mrs. Ly and Mr. Lee were transported to the hospital for minor injuries and were released. All occupants of the Honda were wearing their seatbelts.

After the collision the Honda Pilot came to rest on its wheels on the west side dirt shoulder. US 95 in both directions was shut down for several hours while the accident scene was investigated and diagramed. Traffic was redirected onto SR360. The trailer in the roadway and fatigue may be a factor in the cause of the accident. This area of US95 is one lane in each direction and the speed limit is 70 mph.

Trooper Chris Kelly 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 him at (775) 689-4661 or ckelly@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-150201769.



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