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Media Release

Mesquite Driver Dies in Manmade Lake

On Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at approximately 12:49 p.m. NHP troopers were dispatched to an accident on Grapevine Road and Pioneer Blvd in Mesquite.

Preliminary investigation revealed that on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 12:49pm, a tan 2004 Chevrolet Impala was traveling northbound on Grapevine Road in Mesquite, NV approaching the intersection of Pioneer Boulevard in the right turn lane. The driver of the Impala, identified as 78 year old James Matthew McMurray Jr. from Mesquite, NV, was traveling too fast for conditions, failed to obey a traffic control device, and entered the intersection.

James McMurray Jr. was unable to negotiate the right turn onto eastbound Pioneer Boulevard and the Impala crossed the intersection and westbound travel lanes of Pioneer Boulevard in a northeastern direction. The Impala struck a raised curb and then entered the maintained landscape area on the northeast corner of the intersection. The Impala traveled across rock and concrete sidewalk before falling into a manmade lake. After several failed rescue attempts, the Impala became fully submerged in the lake.

James Matthew McMurray was pronounced deceased on scene by Coroner Investigator David Clegg at 1930 hours.

This marks Nevada Highway Patrol-Southern Command's 10th fatal accident for this year.

You can contact Trooper C. Stuenkel or Trooper L. Hixson at 702-533-6808 for further information.



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