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Media Release

Missing Sparks Nevada Resident Located on Scene of Fatal Vehicle Crash South of Sand Harbor on SR28

On Monday, December 14th at approximately 4:56 p.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway patrol were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover crash that occurred on SR28 just south of Sand Harbor in the Lake Tahoe area.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that a green 2000 Subaru Outback driven by 72 year old Sparks resident Betti Jean Fernandes was traveling southbound on SR28 south of Sand Harbor. The vehicle drifted off the right paved shoulder down an embankment and overturned. The vehicle came to rest on its top facing northwest 50-100 feet down an embankment.

Upon arrival to the crash scene, Fernandes was found deceased inside of the vehicle. It is still under investigation per the Washoe County Coroner's Office at this time whether it was a medical issue or injuries incurred during the course of the crash that caused Fernandes to pass. Fernandes was the only occupant of the vehicle and it was determined that she was not wearing her seatbelt at the time of the crash.

The southbound travel lane of SR28 was shut down for several hours while the crash scene was investigated. This area of US28 is one lane in each direction and the speed limit is 45 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) 689-4625 or Ckelly@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-151201357



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