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### Media Release

#### **One Person Dead After Commercial Vehicle Rollover on Eastbound IR80 West of Wadsworth**

On Sunday, September 20, 2015 at approximately 4:46 a.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a commercial vehicle rollover that occurred on eastbound Interstate 80 at mile post marker 41.

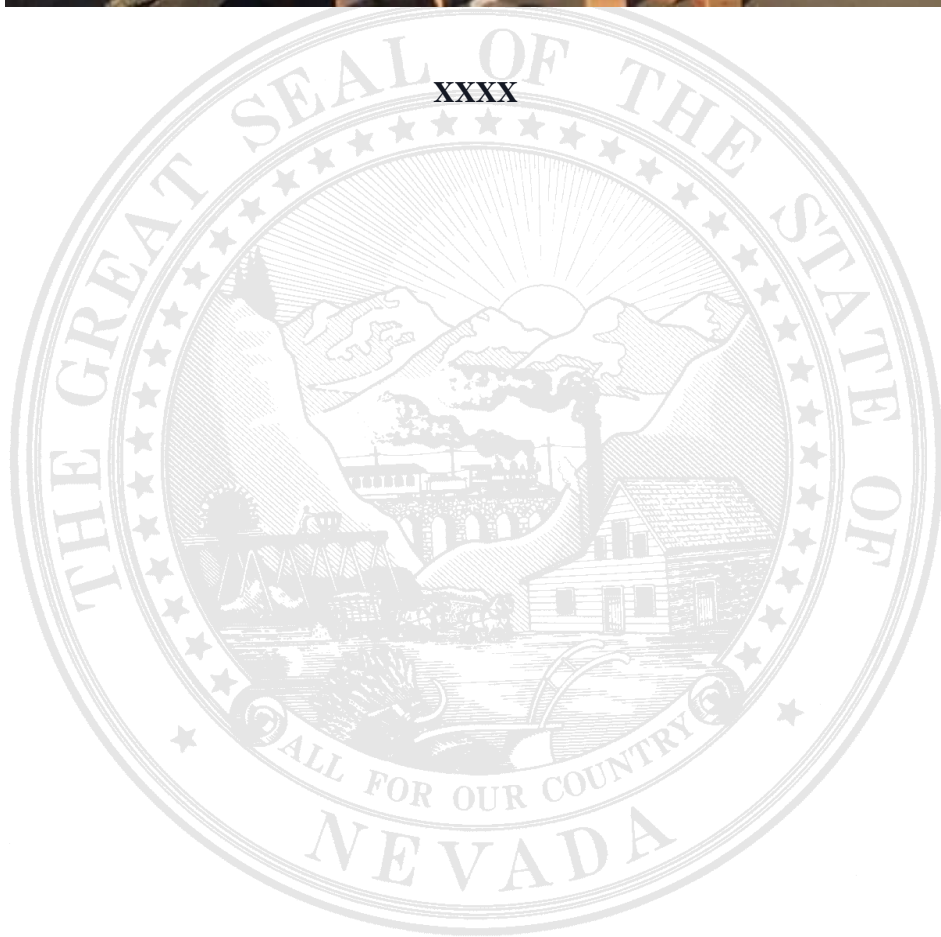
Preliminary crash investigation indicates that a commercial vehicle (semi truck, box trailer combination) were traveling eastbound on IR80 in the slow lane. For unknown reasons, the driver allowed the semi to drift into the right shoulder. The driver overcorrected the truck by steering it to the left causing the truck and trailer to spin to the left. The truck and trailer overturned and landed on its right side blocking both eastbound travel lanes. The male passenger that was in the sleeper berth at the time of the crash was ejected and succumbed to his injuries at the scene of the crash. The driver was taken by ambulance to a local Reno hospital where he is being treated with non life threatening injuries.

Guardrails on both sides of the highway sustained major damage and were pulled into the eastbound travel lanes by the truck and trailer. The trailer broke open during the course of the crash and the cargo was spilled covering both lanes of IR80.

As of the time of this release, all eastbound travel lanes are still blocked and eastbound traffic is being turned around at USA Parkway. Clean up on this crash consist of temporarily repairing the damaged guardrail, uprighting the truck and trailer and clearing the cargo from the roadway. Suggested alternate routes for eastbound traffic are SR431 through Virginia City or US50 eastbound through Carson City.

This area of IR80 is two lanes in each direction and the speed limit is 70 mph. Impairment at the time of crash is under investigation but not suspected at this time.

Trp. Mike Gocke of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Multi-Disciplinary Investigation and Reconstruction Team (MIRT) are 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) 689-4623 or [mgocke@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:mgocke@dps.state.nv.us) regarding case number NHP-150901651



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