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Media Release

One Person Dead After Single Vehicle Crash on I80 Near Derby Dam

On Thursday, August 13, 2015 at approximately 8:17 am, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover collision that occurred on Interstate 80 at mile post 30 in Washoe County.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate a black 1997 Suzuki Sidekick driven by 21 year old male Jessie Colton McCool from Yerington Nevada, was traveling eastbound on IR80 in the left travel lane. For unknown reasons the driver allowed the vehicle to drift left into the inside dirt median. The driver overcorrected, steering the vehicle to the right causing it to enter a clockwise skid and reenter the roadway facing south. The vehicle then entered the right dirt shoulder and overturned. The vehicle came to rest on its top, facing south. The driver was wearing his seatbelt.

The driver succumbed to injuries incurred during the crash and was pronounced on scene.

The Interstate 80 eastbound right lane was shut down for several hours while the crash scene was investigated. This area of IR80 is two lanes in each direction and the speed limit is 70 mph. Impairment at the time of crash is unknown at this time.

Sgt. Scott Farmer and 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 them at (775) 423-7946, (775) 689-4623 respectively or mgocke@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-150801102.

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