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Media Release

One Person Dies After Motorcycle Accident on I80 Near Painted Rock

On Saturday, March 21, 2015 at approximately 5:40 p.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a motorcycle accident that occurred on Interstate 80 eastbound approximately 7 miles west of Fernley near Painted Rock (MM39).

The crash investigation details learned so far indicate a blue 2012 Harley Davidson motorcycle ridden by 60 year old Milton A. Robertson a resident of Winnemucca was traveling eastbound on I80 in the left lane next to another motorcycle rider 46 year old Mark Steven Robertson also of Winnemucca. Both riders attempted to change lanes from the left to the right and observed a black colored vehicle passing in the right lane. As both riders attempted to steer back into the left lane Mr. Milton Robertson lost control of his motorcycle and struck the north side guardrail where he ejected from his motorcycle. The other rider Mr. Mark Robertson pulled to the south shoulder and stopped to assist the downed rider. Mr. Milton Robertson motorcycle came to rest in the right eastbound travel lane approximately 90 feet East of where it struck the guardrail. Emergency crews were called to the scene where they attempted lifesaving efforts but Mr. Milton Robertson succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Both lanes of I80 eastbound were blocked while traffic was able to pass on the right shoulder for approximately 5 hours as the NHP investigated and diagramed the accident scene. The accident is still under investigation. This area of I80 has two lanes in each direction and is a 70 mph speed zone.

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-150301679.

