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Media Release

Three People Die and four Children are Injured After Single Vehicle Crash on US 50 east of Fallon

On Saturday, October 17th at approximately 4:55 PM, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover crash that occurred on US Highway 50 at mile post 54 in Churchill County.

The crash investigation details indicate that a white 2004 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Minden resident Mark Hounsell was traveling westbound on US Highway 50. Six other occupants were in the vehicle including Jeanne Hounsell, wife of Mark Hounsell, family friend Laura Fisher out of Washington, Illinois and four children.

For unknown reasons, the driver allowed the vehicle to drift off the road and overcorrected causing the vehicle to overturn several times. It is believed that the driver and all other occupants were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash.

Mark Hounsell, his wife Jeanne and family friend Laura succumbed to injuries incurred during the crash and were pronounced deceased on scene. Two children were transported via Care Flight, and two via ground transportation to a local area hospital with serious injuries.

The eastbound travel lane of US Highway 50 was shut down for several hours while the crash scene was investigated. This area of US50 is one lane in each direction and the speed limit is 70 mph. Impairment at the time of crash is not suspected.

Trooper Karen Garretson 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 her at (775) 689-4625 or kgarreston@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-151001600.



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