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Media Release

Two People Injured After Early Morning Crash on I80 in Sparks

On February 9, 2015 at approximately 1:12 am, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover accident that occurred on Interstate 80 at the East McCarran off ramp in Sparks.

The crash investigation details indicate a 2004 silver Toyota RAV4 driven by 24 year old female Lindsey V. Muhl of Sparks along with passenger 26 year old female Lindsey M. Livingston of Las Vegas where traveling eastbound on I80 in the right travel lane. For reasons unknown at this time Ms. Muhl allowed the vehicle to leave the highway on the south side of the I80 where it struck the exit 19 sign. The vehicle then struck the end of a guardrail and overturned ejecting both occupants who were not wearing their seatbelts. The vehicle came to rest in the off ramp travel lanes facing northwest with the driver coming to rest on the south paved shoulder of the off ramp and the passenger came to rest ahead of the vehicle on the north side dirt shoulder.

Both of the occupants of the vehicle were where transported to Renown Regional by ground ambulance for serious injuries. Ms. Muhl admitted to a trooper while at the hospital that she was driving the vehicle at the time of the accident.

One lane of the eastbound I80 was open while the East McCarran off ramp was shut down to allow for traffic to pass and the accident scene to be investigated and diagramed. Alcohol is being investigated as a factor in the cause for this accident. This area of I80 is two lanes in each direction and the speed limit is 65 mph.

Trooper Doug Hildebrand 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) 689-4623 or <u>dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us</u> regarding case number NHP-150200682.

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