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## Media Release

## Two Vehicle Crash Results in a Rollover One Driver Transported by Care Flight over the Holiday Weekend

On Saturday, October 31st, at approximately 5:37 AM, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a two vehicle collision that occurred on US State Route 95 at mile post 80 in Mineral County.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that a blue 2003 Dodge pickup driven by 22 year old Kevin Frank out of Schurz, Nevada was traveling northbound on US95. A silver 2004 Kia Optima driven by 26 year old Justin Steele out of Fallon, Nevada was traveling southbound on US95 approaching the blue Dodge. The drivers of both vehicles were the only occupants of the cars at the time of the crash. The Dodge drifted to the left, over the centerline and into the southbound travel lane in front of the Kia. In an attempt to avoid the Dodge, Justin steered the Kia to the left. The Dodge, with its right side struck the right side of the Kia. After the crash, the Dodge overturned and came to rest on it wheels on the east side of the highway. The Kia came to rest on the east side of the road on its wheels with major damage to its right side.

Due to injuries incurred in the crash, Kevin was transported by Care Flight the Renown Medical Center in Reno Nevada with unknown injuries. Justin was transported by ambulance to the Banner Churchill Community Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Both Drivers have been released from their Hospitals at the time of this distribution.

Kevin Frank was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash. Justin Steele was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash.

Alcohol involvement is suspected in the crash and a blood draw from Kevin Frank was obtained.

US95 in this location is a two lane road with one lane in either direction. The speed limit is posted at 55 mph.

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-151002802.

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