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Media Release

Driver Succumbs to Injuries Days after Serious Crash

On Friday, January 22, 2016 at approximately 4:47 p.m. Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to an accident on southbound US 95 near the off ramp approaching Jones Blvd.

The preliminary crash investigation revealed that a gold Toyota Camry was traveling southbound on the southbound US95/Jones off ramp approaching the intersection with Jones Blvd in the right turn lane. A white Lexus GS300 was southbound directly in front of the Camry, attempting to make a right turn onto Jones. The driver of the Camry failed to maintain his lane and entered the right shoulder causing the left front of the Camry to strike the right side of the Lexus. The Camry continued southeast through the intersection, struck the curb, and entered the property of 100 Upland Blvd. The front of the Camry struck landscaping and the right side of a parked Blue Scion TC.

The driver of the Camry was transported to UMC with serious injuries. On January 24, 2016 at 6:20am the 51 year old driver of the Camry identified as Donald Merritt Jr. succumbed to injuries sustained in the crash and was declared deceased at UMC.

This marks Nevada Highway Patrol-Southern Command's 5th fatal crash for this year. You can contact Trooper C. Stuenkel at 702-469-3882 or Trooper Jason Buratczuk at 702-533-6808 for further information.





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