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## Media Release

## Hit and Run Causing a Fatality

On Saturday, October 22, 2016 at approximately 6:26 p.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to an accident on Interstate 15 north of Interstate 215.

The preliminary investigation details indicate a white van was traveling northbound on IR15 north of IR215 in the right travel lane. A gray Toyota Camry was also traveling northbound in the lane to the left of the van. An unsafe lane change caused the left side of the van to strike the right side of the Camry. The Camry rotated clockwise across all travel lanes of IR15 into the left shoulder causing the front of the Camry to strike the center median barrier. The driver of the van fled the scene.

The 46 year old male driver of the Camry was later identified as Bobby Pierce who resided in Henderson, NV. Mr. Pierce succumbed to injuries sustained in the crash and was pronounced deceased on scene.

The 40 year old female passenger of the Camry was transported to University Medical Center- Trama with incapacitating injuries.

Preliminary information suggests that the van is possibly tan or brown in color and should have left side/ left rear damage. This is an ongoing hit and run investigation and the Nevada Highway Patrol is asking that anyone who witnessed this crash or has any information is urged to call the public information office at 702-486-4100 ext.5277. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 702-385-5555, on the internet at www.crimestoppersofnv.com or text CRIMENV plus tip information to 274637. Message and data rates may apply.

You can contact Trooper C. Stuenkel at 702-469-3882 or Trooper J. Buratczuk at 702-533-6808 for further information.



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