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Media Release

Nevada Highway Patrol Asks for the Publics Assistance in Identifying Hit and Run Driver in Pedestrian Crash in South Lake Tahoe

On Sunday, November 13, 2016 at approximately 4:00 a.m., Nevada State Troopers were dispatched to a pedestrian hit and run crash on US 50 in South Lake Tahoe in front of the Harvey's Casino.

Initial reports indicate that a verbal altercation between the driver of a white Ford minivan and a pedestrian occurred on US 50 in the area of the Harvey's Casino. Objects were reported to have been thrown at the pedestrian from inside the van. The pedestrian began to run after the white minivan in the travel lanes of US 50. During this exchange, the pedestrian was struck by the left side of the van while in the travel lanes of US 50. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries but the driver of the van fled the scene.

The driver of the minivan was described as a Middle Eastern adult male, possibly in his mid to late 20's with short black hair. The passenger in the van was described a white adult female in her early 20's with long blonde hair. After the van left the scene, it fled into California, and was last seen making a turn onto Pioneer Trail in South Lake Tahoe. The van was described as a white Ford minivan (or similar type) with both front and back bumpers being black in color.

Trooper Sal Navarro of the Nevada Highway Patrol is investigating this crash. 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) 684-4469 or snavarro@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-161101238.

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