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**Media Release**

**Reno Resident Killed in Single Vehicle Accident on Interstate 580**

On Friday, February 19, 2016 at approximately 5:12 p.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single vehicle crash that occurred on Interstate 580 southbound between College Parkway and Arrowhead Drive in Carson City.

The preliminary crash investigation reveals that 55 year old Reno Nevada resident Melanie Marnne-Lawson, the sole occupant of the vehicle, was traveling southbound in the fast lane of IR 580 in a green 1998 Dodge pickup. Melanie drove the vehicle into the left dirt shoulder. She then overcorrected and steered the truck to the right causing it to rotate. The truck then crossed all southbound lanes and entered the right paved shoulder of IR 580 before striking the concrete wall on the west side of the highway with its front.

Melanie was transported by ground to a local Reno hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries.

The southbound slow lane of IR580 was closed during the course of the investigation. This area of IR580 is two lanes in each direction and the speed limit is 65 mph.

Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Granata 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) 688-2500 or [agranata@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:agranata@dps.state.nv.us) regarding case number NHP-160201829.



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