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Media Release

Suspected DUI Collision in Fallon Results in a Life Threatening Injuries

On Sunday, December 25, 2016 at approximately 1:15a.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a serious injury crash US50 Alternate, west of Fallon near Leeteville Junction.

The preliminary investigation indicates a silver Chevy Sonic, being driven by 23 year old Vincent Spottedcalf of Fallon, at a high rate of speed westbound on US50 Alternate in the right travel lane. A blue 2008 Dodge Avenger, being driven by 19 year old Meriah Tipton, along with 20 year old Malissa Vogel, who was in the right front passenger seat, was also traveling in the right travel lane, ahead of the Sonic. The Sonic struck the rear of the blue Dodge Avenger causing the Avenger to travel off the roadway and overturn, ejecting Vogel, who is believed to be not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the collision.

Signs of alcohol use from Spottedcalf were observed by troopers at the scene and he was suspected of driving while impaired. He was placed under arrest and booked at the Churchill County jail on suspicion of; DUI with an accident causing substantial bodily harm/death, along with other misdemeanor charges.

Vogel was transported to Renown by Care Flight where she remains in critical condition. Tipton was taken to Banner Hospital in Fallon and treated for moderate injuries.

If you have any information regarding this crash or was witness to this incident, please contact Trooper Doug Hildebrand of the Nevada Highway Patrol (M.I.R.T.) at 775-688-2500 or email dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us and refer to case #161202584



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