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### **Media Release**

## **Two Car Crash leads to One Fatality on Highway 50 Near Glenbrook Nevada**

On January 16, 2016 at approximately 9:40 p.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a two vehicle crash that occurred on US50 near Glenbrook in the Lake Tahoe area.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that a Silver 2009 Toyota Corolla driven by Mexican National Carlos Ortega Gomez was traveling eastbound on US50. A white 2014 Subaru Impreza driven by 59 year old Carson City resident Virgilio Ballesteros was traveling westbound on US50 in the slow lane.

The Corolla crossed over the centerline and began to rotate. As it rotated, it entered the westbound travel lanes directly in front of the white Subaru Impreza. With its front, the Subaru struck the right side of the Corolla. Both vehicles came to rest on their wheels blocking the slow lane of US50 westbound.

The drivers of both vehicles were uninjured in the crash. The right front passenger of the Toyota Corolla, 36 year old Los Angeles resident Aquiles Molero, succumbed to his injuries sustained during the course of the crash.

The westbound slow lane of US50 was shut down for several hours while the crash scene was investigated. This area of US50 is two lanes in each direction and the speed limit is 45 mph.

All occupants of both vehicles were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash. The road conditions at the time of the crash were noted as being wet and icy.

Trp. Karen Garretson of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Multi-Disciplinary Investigation and Reconstruction Team (MIRT) 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 her at (775) 689-4625 or [kgarreston@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:kgarreston@dps.state.nv.us) regarding case number NHP-160101703.



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