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Media Release

Two People Killed in Rollover on State Route 164

On Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at approximately 9:03 a.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to rollover crash that occurred on westbound State Route 164.

The preliminary investigation details indicate that a white 2002 Ford Excursion with 8 occupants was traveling westbound on SR164 near mile marker 13. The Excursion suffered a right rear tire failure causing the tire tread to separate from the tire. The vehicle then veered right and was overcorrected to the left. The vehicle was then overcorrected to the right and began to rotate clockwise leaving the roadway. The vehicle entered the desert terrain and overturned. The second row, left side restrained passenger was ejected from the vehicle.

The front seat passenger and second row ejected passenger both succumbed to their injuries and were pronounced deceased on scene.

The 70 year old male second row, right side passenger was airlifted to University Medical Center in critical condition.

The 48 year old female driver was airlifted to UMC with non-life threatening injuries.

A 6 year old female, 9 year old male, 19 year old male and 23 year old male all suffered non-life threatening injuries and were transported by ground to UMC.

The Second row, left side passenger was identified as Liwayway Gatchalian from El Monte, California, her age is currently unavailable.

The 48 year old front seat passenger was identified as 48 year old Robert Smith from El Monte, California. All occupants were wearing their seatbelts. Impairment and speed do not appear to be factors in the crash.

This marks the Nevada Highway Patrol-Southern Command's 34th fatal crash resulting in 39 fatalities for 2016.

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