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### Media Release

## Unrestrained Driver Killed in Rollover

On Friday, April 1, 2016 at approximately 6:15a.m., NHP dispatch was notified of a fatal crash on State Route 164 near mile marker 13. The vehicle was discovered after the crash by a passing Las Vegas Metro Police Department Unit. The exact time of the crash is unknown.

The preliminary crash investigation revealed that a gold Toyota Camry was traveling eastbound on SR164 west of mile marker 13 (near Searchlight, NV). The Toyota crossed the right paved shoulder and entered the south dirt area. The driver of the Toyota steered to the left causing the vehicle to rotate counterclockwise and reenter SR164. The driver then overcorrected to the right causing the vehicle to rotate clockwise and again enter the south dirt shoulder. The Toyota continued southeast into the native desert terrain and overturned. The vehicle came to rest on its wheels in the desert terrain. The unrestrained driver was ejected from the Toyota.

The 70 year old female driver of the Toyota succumbed to injuries sustained in the crash and was declared deceased on scene. The driver was the only occupant of the Toyota and she was later identified as Laree Toft from Searchlight, NV.

This marks Nevada Highway Patrol-Southern Command's 18th fatal crash for this year resulting in 19 lives lost.

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