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Media Release

Vehicle Versus Pedestrian Crash Results in Fatality on IR580 in Washoe Valley

On Monday, February 8th, 2016 at approximately 1:07am, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single vehicle versus pedestrian crash that occurred on IR580 northbound north of the Bellevue Road overpass in Washoe Valley.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that 42 year old Sparks Nevada resident James Dolan was traveling northbound in the slow lane of IR580 in a red 1998 Honda Civic. 18 year old Chile Bartels of Carson City was walking northbound in the slow lane in front of the Honda Civic. With its front, the Civic struck Bartels. The red Honda pulled to the left, inside shoulder and parked.

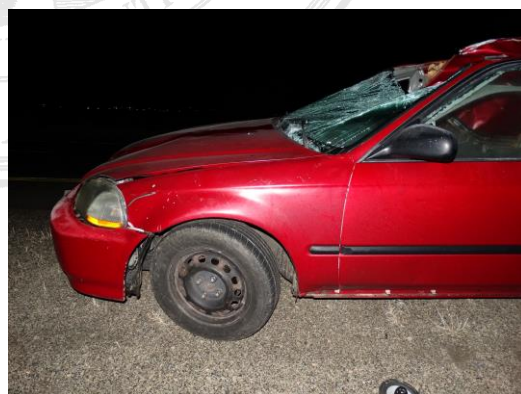
Due to the injuries sustained during the course of the crash, Bartels was pronounced on scene.

The northbound lanes of IR580 were closed between Bellevue Road and Bowers for several hours during the course of the investigation. This area of IR580 is two lanes in each direction and the speed limit is 70 mph.

This report is in its preliminary stages at this time and is still under investigation.

Dolan was the sole occupant inside the vehicle at the time of the crash, and was later arrested on warrants unassociated with this event and transported to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.

Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Ortega 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 mortega@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-160200708.



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