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Media Release

Driver Killed After Losing Control after Tread Separation

On Sunday, July 30, 2017, at approximately 7:14 p.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to an accident on US 95, approximately 12 miles north of Searchlight.

Preliminary investigation revealed that a silver Ford pickup was traveling northbound on US95 north of mile marker 32 in the left travel lane. The left rear tire of the Ford experienced a tread separation. The driver lost control of the vehicle and it began to rotate counterclockwise. The driver failed to maintain the Ford's travel lane and it then entered the west paved shoulder. The pickup continued to rotate as it traveled northwest into the dirt media and overturned.

The 50 year old male driver who was later identified as North Las Vegas resident, Gerardo Rodriguez-Zuniga succumbed to injuries sustained in the crash and was pronounced deceased on scene.

The 45 year old female passenger was transported to UMC with non-life threatening injuries. Preliminary investigation indicates that both occupants were restrained with seatbelts.

This marks NHP Southern Command's 37th fatal crash resulting in 39 lives lost. Please feel free to contact Trooper C. Stuenkel at 702-469-3882 or Trooper J. Buratczuk at 702-533-6808 with any questions.

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