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Media Release

Fatal Wrong Way Crash on 180 near Pyramid Highway

On Thursday, July 6, 2017 at approximately 1:12am, Nevada Highway Patrol Troopers were called to the scene of a head-on collision on eastbound I80 near the Pyramid Highway off ramp.

Preliminary investigation indicates that a black 2013 Cadillac CTS entered westbound I80 from the eastbound off ramp. The black Cadillac made it onto the eastbound travel lanes going wrong way (going westbound) where it was struck head on by a maroon 2006 Kenworth Semi truck pulling two tanker trailers.

The driver of the black Cadillac (Omar Madera-Meza 28 year old Reno resident) succumbed to the injuries he sustained in the crash and was pronounced deceased on scene. He was not wearing a seat belt. The driver of the semi, who was wearing his seat belt, received minor injuries and was treated on scene.

Trooper Doug Hildebrand of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Multi-disciplinary Investigation and Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T.) is investigating this crash. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or who may have any information related to this crash is encouraged to contact Trooper Hildebrand (NHP) at 775-687-9617 <u>dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us</u> regarding case #17070000498



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