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Media Advisory

Semi Truck and Trailer Accident on Interstate 80 at Virginia

On Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at approximately 4:34 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to an accident on Interstate 80 at Virginia.

The preliminary crash investigation details reveal a semi truck and trailer hauling a load of produce failed to maintain its travel lane and struck the plastic crash attenuator (crash cushion) and concrete wall at the right side of the highway. The semi traveled across the highway and struck the center concrete wall. Both eastbound travel lanes were closed for approximately 3 hours and 15 minutes due to diesel fuel leaking from the semi truck's fuel tanks. Traffic was routed off the highway at the Virginia Street off-ramp, and back on the highway at Center Street. The westbound travel lanes were closed for approximately 10 minutes while crews fixed the center wall that had been pushed into the westbound travel lane by the semi. No other vehicles were involved.

A hazardous material cleanup crew responded to the scene and cleaned up the diesel fuel. The semi truck was towed from the scene.

The semi truck was driven by 51 year old Jesus Flores from Fresno, CA. The 2007 Freightliner registered to Renteria Trucking out of Fresno, CA. Alcohol is not an issue in the crash.

The driver, Mr. Flores was not injured in the crash. Mr. Flores was issued a citation for Failure to maintain his Travel Lane.

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