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Media Release

Wadsworth Resident Struck and Killed on Interstate 80

On Friday, November 29, 2013 at approximately 8:14 pm, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to investigate a collision on Interstate 80, near mile marker 44 in Storey County, involving a pedestrian who was struck and killed by a commercial motor vehicle. This section of freeway is approximately 2 miles west of Fernley or roughly 23 miles east of Sparks.

The preliminary investigation details indicate 26-year-old Jason D. Gonzalez of Wadsworth attempted to cross the east bound lanes of the freeway directly in front of a commercial motor vehicle that was traveling east in the number two or right travel lane. He was near the right shoulder of the freeway and attempted to cross toward the center median area at the time of the accident. The front of the tractor-trailer combination struck Gonzalez causing fatal injuries. The driver of the big-rig stopped his vehicle on the right shoulder just east of the accident scene. He was identified as 57-year-old Surjit S. Dhaliwal of Elk Grove, California, and he is cooperating with our investigators. Dhaliwal was driving a green 2007 Freightliner tractor that was towing a 2001 Wanc box or van configured semi-trailer.

The crash scene caused the closure of one eastbound lane for several hours while investigators completed their on-scene portion of the investigation which included diagramming the scene.

Trooper Doug Hildebrand of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team or M.A.I.T is the lead investigator of this tragedy. Witnesses or anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact him at (775) 689-4623 or dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-131102660.

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