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Operator Dies in Motorcycle Crash on Blue Diamond Highway

On Friday, April 24, 2015 at approximately 7:25 p.m. NHP troopers were dispatched to an accident on State Route 160 - Blue Diamond Highway in Clark County.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a maroon and white 2002 Yamaha Classic was traveling eastbound on SR-160 approaching mile marker 18 in Clark County. The driver, 43 year old Dickie Chavez from Socorro, NM, failed to maintain the travel lane and his motorcycle drifted through the south paved shoulder as he applied the brakes. The motorcycle entered the south gravel shoulder and paralleled the highway traveling eastbound. The motorcycle overturned and Chavez was ejected. The motorcycle came to rest on its right-side facing east in the south gravel shoulder of SR-160, west of mile marker 18.

Chavez, who suffered fatal injuries, was pronounced deceased on scene. Other factors into why Chavez allowed the motorcycle to leave the roadway are still under investigation.

This marks the Nevada Highway Patrol-Southern Command's 20th fatal collision and 4th involving a motorcycle for 2015.

For further information, you can contact either Trooper L. Hixson at 702-533-6808 or Trooper C. Stuenkel at 702-469-3882.



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