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## Media Release

## Pursuit Leads to the Arrest of a Convicted Felon

On Tuesday, July 7, 2015 at approximately 2:08 p.m, a trooper with the Nevada Highway Patrol was conducting speed enforcement on south bound US-95 at Jones Blvd.

The trooper observed a black Chevy Tahoe traveling eighty-three (83) mph in a posted sixty-five (65) mph zone and conducted a traffic stop. The Chevy stopped on the right shoulder of southbound US-95 at Valley View Blvd, but then fled traveling south on US-95. The vehicle had been reported stolen earlier in the day to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

The Chevy traveled south on US-95 with speeds up to eighty (80) mph, as Troopers continued to follow. The Chevy traveled to the US-95/US-93 interchange north of Boulder City, exited and re-entered US-95 traveling north with speeds up to ninety (90) mph.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police air unit was able to join, following the Chevy, as it continued north on US-95. This allowed the patrol vehicles to back off. The Chevy exited onto Flamingo Rd, but then re-entered US-95, again traveling north. Spike strips were successfully deployed on the Chevy as it passed Boulder Highway. The Chevy exited onto Charleston Blvd traveling east where it entered into a parking lot. A patrol vehicle was set up to deter the Chevy from exiting but the Chevy rammed the front of the patrol vehicle, disabling it and causing injury to the trooper.

The Chevy re-entered Charleston Blvd traveling east where it entered a second parking lot. Another patrol vehicle was set up to again deter the Chevy from exiting. The Chevy rammed that patrol vehicle, disabling it and causing injury to the trooper. The Chevy proceeded to Lamb Blvd from the parking lot, traveling north on southbound Lamb Blvd and struck a Las Vegas Metropolitan Police vehicle. The Chevy became disabled still in contact with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police vehicle. The driver was ordered to exit the vehicle and would not comply with commands. The driver was removed from the vehicle by troopers and placed into custody.

The driver, 36 year old Cody Lavin, was booked into the Clark County Detention Center on charges of Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, Felony Eluding, Battery on a Peace Officer, Ex-Felon Possession of a Firearm, Possession of Stolen Property plus several misdemeanor traffic charges.

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