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Media Release

Fatal Crash on US6 North of Tonopah

On Saturday, September 2, 2017 at approximately 2:11 a.m., Nevada Highway Patrol Troopers responded to US6 mile marker 20 in Esmeralda County (North of Tonopah).

Preliminary investigation shows that prior to this fatal crash, a two-vehicle DUI collision occurred that resulted in the northbound lane of US6 becoming blocked. Several passersby stopped to help and pedestrians were in the roadway. A 2005 gray Nissan Frontier pickup was northbound and the driver was not able to stop in time, causing the Nissan to strike one of the previously disabled vehicles. One of the good Samaritans (Roy Elick Powell, 32 year old Sun Valley resident) stopped to help with the previous crash and was caught in the secondary collision. Mr. Powell succumbed to the injuries he sustained from the collision and was pronounced deceased on scene.

Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Jason Litchie 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 Litchie (775)687-9631 or jditchie@dps.state.nv.us NHP case #170900123

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