



PRESS RELEASE

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Transportation Safety Bureau Traffic Section Accident Investigation Detail

REPORTING DETECTIVE : William Redfairn / Cory Moon / Tracy McDonald
TYPE OF ACCIDENT : Auto / SUV / SUV
LOCATION OF ACCIDENT : Smoke Ranch / Rancho
DATE OF ACCIDENT : 02-21-2007 **TIME** : 10:51 p.m. **EVENT #** : 070221-3284

Number : 1 **Driver** : Ryan Foerster **Injury** : Minor
 Address : Las Vegas, Nevada **Age** : 19
 Vehicle Information : 1997 Ford Thunderbird

Number : 2 **Driver** : Pending Notification of Next of Kin **Injury** : FATAL
 Address : Las Vegas, Nevada **Age** :
 Vehicle Information : 1986 Chevrolet Blazer

Number : 3 **Driver** : Michelle Miranda **Injury** : Moderate
 Address : Las Vegas, Nevada **Age** : 28
 Vehicle Information : 2001 Honda CRV

Vehicle Occupants :

Number : 1 **Name** : Female Juvenile **Injury** : Minor
 Address : Las Vegas, Nevada **Age** : 17

Number : 2 **Name** : Eleanor Hartigan **Injury** : Critical
 Address : Las Vegas, Nevada **Age** : 52

COLLISION DETAILS :

On February 21st 2007 at approximately 10:51 p.m., a three vehicle fatal traffic collision occurred at the intersection of Smoke Ranch and Rancho. Evidence at the scene and witness statements indicate the Ford Thunderbird was eastbound on Smoke Ranch in the westbound travel lanes. The Chevrolet Blazer was waiting to make a left turn from southbound Rancho to eastbound Smoke Ranch. The Honda CRV was northbound on Rancho in the left travel lane. The Ford Thunderbird left the roadway to the north and struck a signal light control box. The vehicle continued into the intersection where the front of the vehicle struck the right rear of the Chevrolet Blazer. The Blazer rotated clockwise into the left northbound travel lane and was struck by the front of the Honda CRV. The female driver of the Chevrolet Blazer was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle. She was pronounced

dead at the scene by responding medical personnel. The remaining vehicle occupants were transported to University Medical Center where they were either treated and released or admitted. The driver of the Ford Thunder bird, Ryan Foerster, was arrested for four counts of felony DUI, one causing death and three counts causing substantial bodily harm. He was booked into the Clark County Detention Center. It appears speed and alcohol are the contributing factors in this accident. The accident remains under investigation by the LVMPD Accident Investigation Detail. This was the 23rd fatal traffic accident in Metro's jurisdiction this year.