



PRESS RELEASE

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Traffic Bureau
Accident Investigation Section - Fatal Detail
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REPORTING DETECTIVES: W. Redfairn / T. Jones / S. Lethbridge / R. Tusko / T. Hughes / Sgt O. Chavez
TYPE OF ACCIDENT: Auto - Pedestrians
LOCATION OF ACCIDENT: Edgewater Hotel/Casino Laughlin, Nevada
DATE OF ACCIDENT: 02-03-2010 **TIME:** 9:24 a.m. **EVENT #:** 100203-1327

Number: 1	Driver: Walter McGie	Injury: Minor
	Address: Kelso, Washington	Age: 70
	Vehicle Information: 2007 Pontiac Vibe	
Number: 2	Pedestrian: Pending Notification	Injury: FATAL
	Address: Unknown	Age: Unknown
Number: 3	Pedestrian: Pending Notification	Injury: FATAL
	Address: Unknown	Age: Unknown

COLLISION DETAILS:

On February 3, 2010 at approximately 9:24 a.m., an auto - multiple pedestrian fatal traffic accident occurred at the Edgewater Hotel-Casino in Laughlin Nevada. Evidence at the scene and witness statements indicate the 2007 Pontiac Vibe was eastbound on Bruce Woodbury Drive at a high rate of speed. The Pontiac failed to stop for a red traffic signal at Casino Drive and entered the Edgewater Hotel-Casino main entrance. The Pontiac continued eastbound on westbound side of the driveway before striking a raised median and returning to the eastbound side of the driveway. The Pontiac continued eastbound still at a high rate of speed and drove through the front entrance to the Edgewater Hotel Casino. The Pontiac struck a total of 9 pedestrians and several slot machines before coming to rest near the Cashier's Cage. Two of the pedestrians suffered fatal injuries and were pronounced dead at the scene by responding medical personnel. The remaining 7 pedestrians were taken to area hospitals in Nevada and Arizona. Their injuries ranged from minor to critical. The Pontiac driver, Walter McGie, was arrested and booked into the Tucker Holding Facility for 2 counts of Felony Reckless Driving causing death. This accident remains under investigation by the LVMPD Accident Investigation Section. This was the 11th and 12th fatality in LVMPD's jurisdiction this year.