



# PRESS RELEASE

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department  
Traffic Bureau  
Collision Investigation Section - Fatal Detail  
702-828-3535

Joseph Lombardo, Sheriff

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**REPORTING DETECTIVES:** N. Hoffman, P. Solomon, J. Pearson, Sgt. R. Stauffer  
**TYPE OF ACCIDENT:** Automobile vs Automobile  
**LOCATION OF ACCIDENT:** West Sahara Avenue / South Rainbow Boulevard  
**DATE OF ACCIDENT:** 12/21/2021      **TIME:** 1:19 AM      **EVENT #:** LLV211200083425

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<b>Number:</b> 1	<b>Driver:</b> Russell, Tara	<b>Injury:</b> Moderate
	<b>Address:</b> Las Vegas, NV	<b>Age:</b> 43 Female
	<b>Vehicle Information:</b> 2008 Buick Lucerne	
<b>Number:</b> 2`	<b>Driver:</b> Bass, Patrick	<b>Injury:</b> Fatal
	<b>Address:</b> Las Vegas, NV	<b>Age:</b> 64 Male
	<b>Vehicle Information:</b> 2018 Hyundai Tucson	
	<b>Passenger:</b> Bass, Debbie	<b>Injury:</b> Fatal
	<b>Address:</b> Las Vegas, NV	<b>Age:</b> 65 Female

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## COLLISION DETAILS:

### \*\*\*Update\*\*\*

On December 29, 2021, the Clark County Office of the Coroner / Medical Examiner notified the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Collision Investigation Section that the driver of the Hyundai, despite all life-saving efforts, succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. His death marked the 148th traffic related-fatality in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's jurisdiction for 2021. The collision remains under investigation by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Collision Investigation Section.

### \*\*\*Original Press Release\*\*\*

On December 21, 2021, at approximately 1:19 AM, a fatal traffic collision occurred at West Sahara Avenue and South Rainbow Boulevard. Evidence at the scene, statements from witnesses, and video surveillance indicate that a 2008 Buick Lucerne traveled westbound on West Sahara Avenue approaching South Rainbow Boulevard. A 2018 Hyundai Tucson traveled northbound on South Rainbow Boulevard approaching West Sahara Avenue. The traffic signal at the intersection was green for northbound traffic and red for westbound traffic when both vehicles reached the intersection. The Buick failed to stop at the red traffic signal and entered the intersection when the Hyundai was in the intersection. The front of the Buick struck the right front of the Hyundai. The collision redirected both vehicles to the northwest. The Buick left the roadway and came to rest in grass landscaping north of the intersection. The Hyundai overturned several times and came to rest in the westbound travel lanes of West Sahara Avenue.

Arriving medical personnel transported both drivers and the passenger of the Hyundai to University Medical Center's Trauma Center. The Hyundai's passenger succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased despite all life-saving efforts. The Hyundai's driver suffered serious injuries and was admitted to University Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit. The Buick's driver suffered moderate injuries and was admitted to University Medical Center. She also showed signs of impairment and was placed in custody. The Hyundai passenger's death marked the 145th traffic-related fatality in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's jurisdiction for 2021. The collision remains under investigation by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Collision Investigation Section.