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## Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Traffic Bureau Accident Investigation Detail

Douglas C. Gillespie, Sheriff

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**REPORTING DETECTIVES:** W. Redfairn / R. Tusko / Sgt O. Chavez  
**TYPE OF ACCIDENT:** Auto / SUV  
**LOCATION OF ACCIDENT:** Rainbow Boulevard / Spring Mountain Road  
**DATE OF ACCIDENT:** 12-12-2008      **TIME:** 3:18 a.m.      **EVENT #:** 081212-0605

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**Number:** 1      **Driver:** William Bierlein      **Injury:** Critical  
**Address:** Henderson, Nevada      **Age:** 36  
**Vehicle Information:** 2003 BMW Z4

**Number:** 2      **Driver:** Pending Notification      **Injury:** FATAL  
**Address:** Las Vegas, Nevada      **Age:** 31  
**Vehicle Information:** 2002 Nissan X Terra

### Vehicle Occupants:

**Number:** 2      **Name:** Esther San-Pedro-Martin      **Injury:** Critical  
**Address:** Las Vegas, Nevada      **Age:** 19

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### **COLLISION DETAILS:**

On December 12, 2008 at approximately 3:18 a.m., an auto – SUV fatal traffic accident occurred at the intersection of Rainbow Boulevard and Spring Mountain Road. Evidence at the scene and witness statements indicates the Nissan was northbound on Rainbow Boulevard. The BMW was westbound on Spring Mountain Road. According to the witnesses, the BMW failed to stop for a red traffic signal and entered the intersection. The front of the Nissan struck the left side of the BMW. None of the vehicle occupants were wearing seatbelts and were ejected from the vehicles. The male driver of the Nissan was pronounced dead at the scene by responding medical personnel. The female passenger and BMW driver were transported to University Medical Center where they were admitted in critical condition. It appears speed and failure to stop for a red traffic signal is the contributing factors in this accident. The accident remains under investigation by the LVMPD Accident Investigation Detail. This was the 109<sup>th</sup> fatal traffic accident in LVMPD's jurisdiction this year.