



# PRESS RELEASE

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

Douglas C. Gillespie, Sheriff

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**REPORTING DETECTIVES:** William Redfairn / Rich Tusko / Sgt Oscar Chavez  
**TYPE OF ACCIDENT:** SUV / Auto  
**LOCATION OF ACCIDENT:** Charleston Boulevard / Campbell Drive  
**DATE OF ACCIDENT:** 12-14-2008      **TIME:** 10:41 p.m.      **EVENT #:** 081214-3307

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<b>Number:</b> 1	<b>Driver:</b> Pending Notification	<b>Injury:</b> FATAL
	<b>Address:</b> Las Vegas, Nevada	<b>Age:</b> 35
	<b>Vehicle Information:</b> 2002 Kia Sportage	
<b>Number:</b> 2	<b>Driver:</b> Donald Echols	<b>Injury:</b> None
	<b>Address:</b> Las Vegas, Nevada	<b>Age:</b> 25
	<b>Vehicle Information:</b> 2004 Infiniti	

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### COLLISION DETAILS:

On December 14, 2008 at approximately 10:41 p.m., a two vehicle fatal traffic accident occurred on Charleston Boulevard east of Campbell Drive. Evidence at the scene and a witness indicate the 2004 Infiniti was westbound on Charleston Boulevard in the left of three westbound travel lanes. According to the witness, the 2002 Kia was westbound in the center two-way turn lane at a high rate of speed. The male driver of the Kia failed to move into the westbound travel lanes and the front of the Kia struck a palm tree. This caused the Kia to rotate counterclockwise into the left westbound travel lane and land on the hood of the Infiniti. The driver of the Kia was transported to University Medical Center where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival. It appears alcohol and speed were contributing factors in this accident. This accident remains under investigation by the LVMPD Accident Investigation Detail. This was the 110<sup>th</sup> fatal traffic accident in LVMPD's jurisdiction this year.