

Cyclist, skateboarder injured in S. Tahoe collision

A bicyclist and skateboarder from South Lake Tahoe were injured Wednesday when they collided near Stateline.

Steven Magelssen, 20, was unconscious when police and paramedics arrived at Highway 50 and Heavenly Village Way at 8:30pm July 17. Officers said Magelssen, who was on the bike, regained consciousness and lost it a few times before he was airlifted to Renown Medical Center in Reno.

Pablo Bobadilla, 23, was taken to Barton Memorial Hospital with cuts and abrasions.

South Tahoe police said Magelssen was at fault because he ran the red light and violated the right-of-way of a pedestrian in a marked crosswalk.

Magelssen was riding his bicycle in the center left turn lane of Highway 50, approaching a red traffic signal at Heavenly Village Way. Bobadilla was on his skateboard in the company of other pedestrians while attempting to cross the highway in a marked crosswalk. Bobadilla was crossing from the corner of Tahoe Tom's gas station toward the south side of the intersection. The traffic signal was directing pedestrians to cross at that time.

Magelssen, according to police, failed to stop at the red traffic signal holding westbound traffic and the left turn lane. As he was turning left against the red left turn arrow from Highway 50 to southbound Heavenly Village Way, he collided with Bobadilla in the crosswalk.

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