

Crash results in DUI, public intoxication arrests

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LOWER LAKE, Calif. – Three Santa Rosa men were arrested for alcohol-related charges following an early Wednesday morning crash.

Jose Louis Vallejo Ruiz, 28, was arrested for driving under the influence causing injury and driving without a driver's license, while both of his passengers, 29-year-old Neri Averdano-Rosas and Clemente Sarmiento Rosas, 21, were booked for public intoxication, according to the California Highway Patrol's Clear Lake Area office.

The crash occurred at 12:10 a.m. Wednesday on Highway 29 north of Hofacker Lane, the CHP reported.

The CHP said Ruiz was driving his 1994 Honda Accord northbound at an unknown speed when he allowed his vehicle to drift off the roadway, resulting in it overturning several times.

Ruiz and Averdano-Rosas were not injured, but Clemente Rosas sustained minor injuries in the collision, the CHP said.

CHP Officers Jensen and Garcia responded to the crash scene and contacted the three men, arresting all of them, according to the report.

All three men were taken to St. Helena Hospital Clearlake Hospital and medically cleared prior to being booked at the Lake County Jail, the CHP said.

Jail records indicated all three men remained in custody late Wednesday due to no-bail immigration holds.

The collision is still under investigation by Officer Jensen.

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