Press Release

Today's Date:	01/17/2012
Date & Time Occurred:	01/17/2012 @ 1045 hrs
Submitted By:	Acting Sgt. Rod Neal
Phone:	707.449.5260
Case Number:	T12-00386
Type of Crime/Incident:	Traffic Collision vehicle vs. power pole
Location:	Elmira Road west of Leisure Town Road

SOLO VEHICLE ACCIDENT KNOCKS POWER OUT TO PART OF VACAVILLE

Police are asking for the public's assistance following an accident that resulted in a power outage to parts of Vacaville Tuesday morning.

At 10:46 a.m. Tuesday Vacaville police and fire departments responded to Patwin Park, located on Elmira Road just west of Leisure Town Road, for a traffic collision. Upon arrival they found a vehicle had struck a power pole on the south side of the roadway.

The driver, a 49-year-old Fairfield resident, was still seated in the driver's seat of his red 2000 Hyundai Accent. Officers learned that he was on his break and just purchased his lunch at a fast-food restaurant on Elmira Road. He was driving back to his place of employment when he apparently suffered an undetermined medical event and lost control of his vehicle. The driver was eastbound on Elmira Road when his vehicle veered off the roadway to the right, jumped the sidewalk, and struck a wooden power pole, splitting the pole in half.

The vehicle came to rest inside the parking lot of Patwin Park. Firefighters removed him from the vehicle and transported him to Kaiser Hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries and released. Police closed the eastbound lanes of Elmira Road for two hours until PG&E was able to cut power to the power lines.

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Power to the neighborhood near the accident was out for several hours while the pole was replaced.

Anyone who may have seen this accident is asked to contact the Vacaville Police Department at (707) 449-5200.

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