

Woman Who Caused Casino Crash Claims Stuck Accelerator

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A 65-year-old woman whose car caused a [Pechanga Casino](#) golf cart to overturn and dump its passengers, injuring them, told authorities her accelerator became stuck.

Vivian Edwards, of Corona, and her passenger suffered serious injuries in the crash, which she claimed was caused by an accelerator sticking on her 2007 black Saturn Aura.

The crash was reported about 8 p.m. Saturday at the casino's north parking structure, according to California Highway Patrol Officer Nathan Baer.

As a result of the crash, 14 people were taken to five area hospitals, authorities said: Inland Valley Medical Center; Rancho Springs Medical Center; Loma Linda Medical Center; Palomar Hospital and Riverside Community Hospital.

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According to authorities, Edwards was traveling between 45 and 50 mph while descending the exit ramp from the third floor of the casino -- at 45000 Pechanga Parkway -- when the Saturn plowed into the back of a 2012 black Hyundai Elantra.

Temecula resident Elise Pariseau was behind the wheel of the Elantra, Baer said.

"This impact pushed the Hyundai to the right and the Saturn continued traveling forward and to the right," Baer said.

The Saturn then slammed into a concrete pillar and kept going, connecting with the golf cart that was carrying seven people, upending the cart and spilling its passengers, Baer said.

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Edwards' car then struck a curb, ending up in the rocks of a landscaped planter, Baer said.

Two passengers in the golf cart suffered major injuries, Baer said, and six suffered moderate injuries.

The driver and three passengers of the Hyundai were also taken to hospitals with serious injuries, Baer said.

The crash was still under investigation today by Temecula police.

Investigators could not duplicate the sticking of the accelerator and the car was inoperable, Baer said.

Neither drugs, nor alcohol were determined to be factors in the crash, the official said.

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