

Man walks away from car split in half during Highway 26 crash

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Two men received minor injuries -- including one driver able to walk away from his car after it was split in half -- during a two-vehicle crash Monday morning on Highway 26 at Kelso Road, Oregon State Police (OSP) reported. Both photos (above and below) show the two halves of Perez-Sanluis's vehicle following the crash on Highway 26 at Kelso Road -- OSP photos

About 7:15 this morning, 19-year old Aldo Menchaca Varela of Sandy, Oregon was driving his 1990 Honda Accord westbound on Highway 26, traveling in the left lane as he approached the intersection at Kelso Road, troopers said.

An eastbound 1997 Volkswagon Golf driven by 33-year old Portland resident Hector Perez-Sanluis was in the left turn lane, waiting for traffic to clear so he could turn north onto Kelso Road. Instead, he pulled out into the path of Varela's Honda.

According to the OSP news release, the Honda's right front section crashed into the passenger side of the Volkswagon, splitting the car in half between the front and rear doors. The Volkswagon, in two pieces, came to rest on the north side of the highway. The westbound lane of traffic was closed for one hour.

Perez-Sanluis was able to crawl out of his vehicle on his own, troopers said.

Both drivers were transported to Mt. Hood Medical Center where they were treated for minor injuries and released, OSP reported. Both men were also using safety restraints.

Oregon State Police cited Perez-Sanluis for making a dangerous left turn.

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