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Vehicle's location extended early morning closure of Kaumuali'i Highway

PĀKĀLA – Kaua'i police opened both lanes of Kaumuali'i Highway at about 8:30 a.m. following a single car crash that occurred around 2:45 a.m. in the vicinity of Pākalā Village near mile marker 21.

The reason for such an extended closure this morning was due to its severity and need for an extensive investigation. Furthermore, this particular incident required additional time and a one-lane closure with alternating traffic for several hours due to the location of the vehicle, which was in such a position that two tow trucks could not remove it.

A crane was ultimately needed to lift the vehicle away from the scene. Residual traffic from the closure caused significant delays throughout the morning.

According to a preliminary investigation, a Range Rover was heading east on Kaumuali'i Highway with four adult male occupants when it apparently crossed the centerline and overcorrected back onto the eastbound lane and struck the guardrail. The vehicle flipped over the guardrail and tumbled before coming to rest on its passenger side against a powerline pole.

The driver of the Range Rover suffered non-life-threatening injuries and is currently being treated at Wilcox Hospital.

The passenger of the Range Rover was medevacked to O'ahu with critical injuries to his back and head.

Two rear seat passengers had non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation remains ongoing.





Photo courtesy KPD.

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