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Tiger Woods Survives Crash

At around 7:18 a.m. PST in Rancho Palos Verdes, a part of Los Angeles County, officials from the County Sheriff Department arrived at the scene of a rollover crash on Hawthorne Boulevard. According to Sheriff's Deputy Carlos Gonzalez, the particular stretch of road where the SUV was found has seen numerous crashes due to extreme steepness and an "S" curve, which can cause drivers to go well above the 45 mile per hour speed limit without even realizing it. On this stretch of road, there have been 13 accidents alone since January of 2020. When officers gained access to the car, and once the man said that his name was "Tiger," they immediately knew that the man inside was world-famous golfer Tiger Woods. The horrific crash, which began with the demolition of the "Welcome to Rolling Hills Estates" sign that Woods had crashed into when hitting the median, ended with Woods on the southbound side of the highway, the opposite direction in which he was traveling. Woods was thankfully found responsive at the scene of the crash, however officers on the scene believe that he was so calm because he was simply in shock and did not realize the extent of his injuries. To extract Woods from the car, the windshield of the car was removed and Woods was released from his seatbelt and extricated from the car. It was later revealed that Woods had suffered two open leg fractures and a shattered ankle, which were thankfully non-life-threatening, and he underwent successful surgery with insertions of rods, pins, and screws at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Even though Woods is left with many injuries that may make a return to golf more difficult, his car is thought to have saved his life. The inside of the luxury SUV, a Genesis GV80 courtesy vehicle which cushioned him with multiple airbags from all directions, allowed the interior of the vehicle to be almost completely intact, which in the end is thought to have protected Woods. Woods is said to not have been driving under the influence, and he was rather rushing to a set to film a TV series with GolfTV and Discovery+, entitled *Tiger Woods: My Game*. He was supposed to meet up with Saints quarterback Drew Brees and Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert.

The events of the crash certainly shocked the world. Golfers such as Justin Thomas, Phil Mickelson, and Jack Nicklaus expressed their concern for the 15-time Major winner. Today, many golfers offered a non-verbal sign of honor for Woods, as multiple golfers at the WCG-Workday Championship sported a red shirt, Woods' signature look. Golfers Jason Day, Bryson DeChambeau, and Matt Kuchar also used Tiger Woods-licensed Bridgestone golf balls in competition today while sporting Woods' signature outfit. Additionally, the staff at the Puerto Rico Championship sported red to support Woods.

Above all else, even if Woods never returns to golf again, it is fortunate news that he is alive and recovering after such a devastating accident that very easily could have taken his life. Seeing as though there have been multiple accidents in the same area over a relatively short period of time, it is possible that the cities that share control over the road could be liable for the most recent crash.

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