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## Guardrail Prevents Head-On Collision

A 46-year-old Tukwila man was transported to Harborview Medical Center with life-threatening injuries after crashing his vehicle into the guardrail that separates the northbound and southbound lanes of SR-509 in Burien.

At approximately 12:11p.m., Haybe Ahmed was driving his beige 1991 Toyota Camry northbound SR-509 in lane 1 when he drove across lane 2 and collided with the left guardrail just north of 128<sup>th</sup> St. The guardrail, which was completely embedded inside the passenger compartment, prevented Haybe from crossing into the southbound lanes and causing a head-on collision. Haybe was trapped inside the vehicle until medics arrived and were able to extricate him.

Troopers are investigating the circumstances surrounding the collision. It is undetermined at this time if alcohol and/or drugs were a factor.

The left lanes of both northbound and southbound SR-509 were closed at 128<sup>th</sup> St for approximately 2 ½ hours while troopers investigated the scene.



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