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Berkeley woman motorcyclist ID'd in fatal I-580 crash

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LIVERMORE - The Alameda County coroner's office identified the motorcyclist killed when a dump truck ran over her Tuesday night as 44-year-old Leigh Hussey of Berkeley.

Authorities were investigating late Tuesday the circumstances that led Hussey to inexplicably lose control of her BMW bike about 7:20 p.m. and slip under the back axle of a yellow dump truck on westbound Interstate 580 near North Livermore Avenue, Highway Patrol said.

Hussey was crushed by the truck's two rear tires and was then thrown to the right hand shoulder, Highway Patrol officer John Pabst said. She was pronounced dead at the scene from massive trauma.

Investigators were unclear what caused the accident. Witnesses said the truck was in the slow lane and had not been changing lanes.

The west slow lane of I-580 was closed for just under two hours while crews cleared the scene.

Staff writer George Kelly contributed to this report

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