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Loyalton man victim in fatal crash

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A Loyalton man was the victim in a taxi cab crash that proved fatal in Fairfield early Monday.

Alexander T. Sassman, 51, of Loyalton was pronounced dead by a Cordelia Fire paramedic at 1:33 a.m. Monday at the scene of the crash, according to the CHP.

At approximately 1:05 a.m. Monday, the Ford Crown Victoria had been traveling 60-65 MPH on northbound Interstate 680 to the eastbound Interstate 80 transition road.

The driver, identified by the CHP as Berhe Alem, 52, of San Jose, lost control of the Ford and allowed it to travel to the right and off the roadway, the CHP said.

The car went airborne and overturned before coming to rest on Central Way in Fairfield.

The impact caused major damage to the car and the driver's airbag was deployed. All three occupants were wearing seat belts, the CHP said.

Sassman had been seated in the right rear seat while a second passenger, Jeffrey Moffitt, 51, of Pollock Pines, was seated in the left rear seat.

Alem only complained of back pain while Moffitt had a dislocated left hip, broken left forearm and a laceration to his head, according to the CHP. Both were transported to NorthBay Medical Center.

No arrests were made following the crash.

The weather had been "clear and cool" at the time, the CHP said. The investigation is ongoing.