


# Tesla on autopilot rear-ended Connecticut cop car as driver checked on dog. Tesla cars fail constantly.

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A [Tesla](#) on autopilot rear-ended a [Connecticut](#) trooper's vehicle early Saturday as the driver was checking on his dog in the back seat, state police said.

[Police](#) said they had responded to a disabled vehicle that was stopped in the middle of Interstate 95. While waiting for a tow, the self-driving Tesla came down the road.

After striking the trooper's vehicle, the driver in the Tesla then rear-ended the disabled vehicle before stopping.


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"The operator of the Tesla continued to slowly travel northbound before being stopped several hundred feet ahead by the second trooper on scene," police said.

“The operator of the Tesla stated that he had his vehicle on ‘Auto-pilot’ and explained that he was checking on his dog which was in the back seat prior to hitting the collision,” police said.

### **NTSB REPORT SAYS CALIFORNIA TESLA DRIVER WAS USING AUTOPILOT WHEN HE HIT A FIRETRUCK**

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State police said troopers had their emergency lights on at the time of the incident, police said.

The Tesla operator was issued a misdemeanor summons for reckless driving and reckless endangerment, police said.