

Speeding car rams minivan in S.F. - boy, 16, dead

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A 16-year-old boy was killed and several people were hurt when a woman crashed her speeding car into a minivan Friday in the Western Addition, San Francisco police said.

Police said an elderly woman driving a Mercedes-Benz at speeds of up to 80 mph west on Pine Street rear-ended the minivan while it was stopped at a light at Gough Street just before 7 a.m. The impact caused both vehicles

to roll over.

[Kevin San](#), 16, a student at [Lincoln High School](#) who was in the minivan, was killed and his mother and his sister were seriously hurt, authorities said. The driver of the Mercedes walked away from the crash with minor injuries, police said.

The identity of the Mercedes driver has not been released. She was not arrested pending the outcome of an investigation, which will include drug and alcohol testing, police said.

A catering van at the corner was also struck. Three people inside the van suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Witnesses told police that the woman had been speeding for at least several blocks before the crash, said Police Chief [Greg Suhr](#).

"We have no idea why she was driving the way she was," Suhr said, adding, "This is about as ugly an accident as I've ever seen, and obviously any time anybody loses their life, let alone a child, it just doesn't get any worse than that."

The chief said officers on patrol had seen the Mercedes speeding moments before the crash happened.

"The officers saw the car cross Polk Street, which is two blocks away," he said, "but the car was going so fast they didn't have time to activate their lights or siren to get within even a block of it before the crash occurred."

Several blocks were closed to traffic as authorities investigated the crash amid wreckage that included shattered car parts, a backpack and a school book.

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