Tesla’s Autopilot was engaged when Model 3 crashed into truck, report states

Tesla’s advanced driver assist system, Autopilot, was active when a Model 3 driven by a 50-year-old Florida man crashed into the side of a tractor trailer truck on March 1st, the National Transportation Safety Board states in a report released on Thursday. Investigators reviewed video and preliminary data and found that neither the driver nor Autopilot executed evasive maneuvers before striking the truck.

> *NTSB issued preliminary report Thursday for its ongoing investigation of the fatal, March 1, 2019, highway crash near Delray Beach, Florida. The preliminary report is available at; https://t.co/KsUmeOFh2p*
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The driver, Jeremy Beren Banner, was killed in the crash. It is at least the fourth fatal crash of a Tesla vehicle involving Autopilot. A Tesla spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The crash was eerily similar to another one involving a Tesla in 2016 near Gainesville. In that incident, Joshua Brown was killed when his Model S sedan collided with a semitrailer truck on a Florida highway in May 2016, making him the first known fatality in a semi-autonomous car.

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