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Lexus crash still under scrutiny

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HOLLAND, Mich. (WOOD) - As the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department continues looking into a crash caused when a Lexus couldn't stop, surveillance video surfaced that adds to the evidence.

"I think the viewers who watched your show Monday evening got the same chills we in law enforcement get," said Lt. Mike Brookhouse.

He said generally a citation is issued to the driver who blew through a red light and caused a crash, but this case is different.

The driver, 18-year-old [REDACTED] claimed the car wouldn't stop. Brookhouse has already looked into both the braking and accelerating issues.

"At this point, no determination has been made," he told 24 Hour News 8. "But obviously, even if the brakes had failed and the car is in an idle mode, it will slow down by itself. And according to her, and the time she was calling, she could not stop her car and it had gone out for a little while."

The car's been inspected inside and out - throttles, brakes, floor mats. Brookhouse said a final determination "might be left up to someone else through the automakers or what have you." He termed the investigation as "ongoing."

Once it is wrapped up, though, the case will be sent to the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office to determine if [REDACTED] will be cited.

24 Hour News 8 contacted Toyota of North America, but have not received a response from them about this crash.

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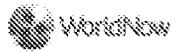
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