

Skier sues Heavenly nearly a year after being injured

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A skier who was injured when a Heavenly Mountain Resort employee ran into her while on his snowboard last January is suing the resort's owners, claiming Vail Resorts Inc. is liable for its employee's alleged negligence.

Skier Kimberly Bland, on vacation from Florida, was stopped on the lower Olympic downhill run on the Nevada side of the resort, at about 3:50pm on Jan. 18, trying to decide where to ski next, when Heavenly lift operator Daniel Barreno crashed into Bland on his snowboard, the suit said.

Barreno violated several Nevada laws, the suit said, including one requiring skiers and snowboarders to stay in control and to give the right-of-way to someone on the trail ahead of him.

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