Bicyclist with headphones on slams into truck

A 12-year-old boy is lucky he only sustained a broken arm after he rode his bike into the side of a tractor-trailer.

The name of the South Lake Tahoe youngster is not being released.

South Tahoe police officers say the boy was wearing headphones and no helmet on May 31 at 2pm when the accident occurred.

Officers said the bicyclist attempted to cross Highway 50 against a red traffic signal at Lyons Avenue and collided with the side of the tractor trailer near the intersection.

Bicyclists younger than 18 are required by law to wear a helmet while riding. Parents of minors not wearing a helmet can be cited for allowing their kids to ride without a helmet.

The police are not seeking criminal prosecution of the juvenile's parents for child endangerment in this instance.

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