

Northstar, guest 180 degrees apart on assault

By Kathryn Reed

A woman who has a blog called “Shred Mom” has made scathing accusations against Northstar ski resort. The resort says its investigation into the allegations found the woman to be the aggressor. Placer County sheriff’s detectives are investigating.

Danelle Muresan-Foster – the blogger – told detectives the incident occurred Feb. 25. She made the report the next day. She did not respond to *Lake Tahoe News* for a comment.

According to the statement she gave to deputies, the brouhaha started when someone allegedly rode close to Muresan-Foster’s son. She confronted the man, yelling at him. She told officers he then bumped her with his chest. She slapped him. He punched her in the left eye. She declined medical attention.

She posted her **original story** on March 23 and updated it today. It has since made the rounds on social media.

To counter the charges, Northstar GM and Vice President Beth Howard **issued a statement** Thursday.

“It is important for everyone to know our first and foremost priority is the safety of our guests and employees, and we have zero tolerance for acts of violence. We conducted a timely, thorough investigation into this matter, and given recent interest we believe that it is important to report the results,” Howard said. “One eyewitness to the incident stated Mrs. Danelle Muresan-Foster was the party who was physically aggressive toward another guest. The eyewitness stated that Mrs. Muresan-Foster collided into the male guest in the lift maze from behind; she fell to the ground; and, he tried to

help her up. The same eyewitness also stated that Mrs. Muresan-Foster initiated the physical altercation by slapping the other guest.”

The man’s name has not been released.

Dena Erwin with the sheriff’s department told *Lake Tahoe News* the investigation is ongoing. More statements were taken March 24 with resort officials. She would not venture a guess as to when the investigation will be done. Ultimately it will be up to the District Attorney’s Office to determine if charges are filed against anyone.