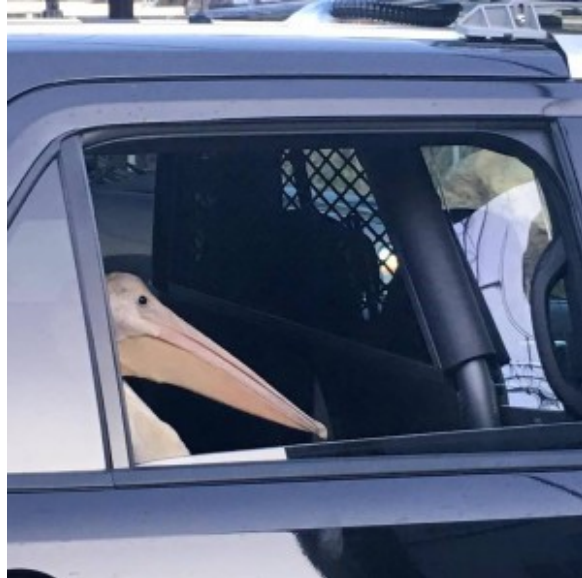


CHP rescues pelican in Truckee near I-80



A pelican gets a free ride to safety by the California Highway Patrol.
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A California Highway Patrol officer, a former falconer, captured a pelican wandering near westbound Interstate 80 in Truckee this week.

The CHP got a call about an injured bird on the highway. Officers arrived about 7:15pm Tuesday to find the pelican on a hill beside the freeway. When CHP Officer Troy Griesemer approached the bird, it flew off between the first and second lanes on the highway, dodging a car to get to the other side, he said.

After Griesemer caught the pelican, it was placed in the back seat of the car and taken to the CHP office, where it sat for

about an hour.

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