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Mangos and Oranges “Jar” Traffic Along I-70 in Idaho Springs

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On March 29th, 2023, at approximately 9:50 p.m. the Idaho Springs Police Department was dispatched to a single vehicle accident involving a pickup truck, with no injuries being reported. The initial accident occurred on I-70 near mile marker 240.5 in the eastbound lanes. When officers arrived, they discovered a bit of a “sticky” situation as the truck had spilled copious amounts of oranges and mangos all over the interstate. During the initial crash, rogue fruit who were apparently attempting to evade being “juiced”, rolled onto the westbound lanes striking a passenger vehicle travelling the other direction which caused minor damage. The driver of the truck, 19 year old Jesus Placido Catarino of Mexico, was cited for Careless Driving. Unfortunately, there was another tertiary crash on eastbound I-70 as responders were trying to investigate the original crash. The third crash resulted in a semi-truck rear ending another passenger vehicle, no injuries reported. CDOT plows responded to clear the highway of the fruit. These series of crashes are a great reminder to motorists to watch your speeds and to always be vigilant while operating a motor vehicle. One of the responding ISPD officers commented, “Chief, ‘orange’ you glad we didn’t have any injuries with these crashes?” The Chief replied, “Of course I’m relieved no one was injured. I want to ‘a-peel’ to all drivers to slow down and buckle up!”

