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1 (A 2003 Lexus crashed into a power pole and fire hydrant Sunday afternoon, causing a power outage that affected more than 2,000 Southern California Edison customers, officials said.) 2 (A single-vehicle crash sheered off a power pole and downed several power lines on Mojave Drive Sunday afternoon. [submitted photos]

VICTORVILLE — A car crash that took out a power pole and a fire hydrant was responsible for a large power outage here Sunday afternoon, officials said.

Reported at 4:46 p.m. in the 15700 block of Mojave Drive, the crash involved a blue 2003 Lexus driven by Victor Juarez, 32, of Adelanto.

According to San Bernardino County Sheriff's Victorville Station spokeswoman Mara Rodriguez, Juarez told deputies that he was driving east on Mojave Drive and "attempted to make a left run onto Condor (Road) and lost control."

The Lexus collided with a power pole — causing several downed power lines, Rodriguez said — before striking a fire hydrant, Rodriguez said. The power pole was sheered off and left dangling from other power lines, and the Lexus came to rest on top of the hydrant, which began spraying water after it was struck.

Emergency personnel shut down Mojave Drive from Village Drive to Don Roberto Road, and Southern California Edison workers were requested to respond to the scene because the power lines were still energized and sparking.

Despite those conditions, Rodriguez said "Juarez was able to safely exit the car, despite visible sparks from the downed power lines and water from the hydrant."

The downed lines caused a power outage in the area that impacted 2,490 customers, according to SCE spokesman Robert Villegas.

Villegas said the outage boundaries stretched from Hopland Street to the north to Roy Rogers Drive to the south. All power was reported to be restored by 5:38 a.m. the next day.

Juarez was treated at the scene by **County Fire** personnel, according to Rodriguez, and members of Victorville Public Works and the water district responded to repair damages from the crash.

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