

Woman unhurt as car flys over 70-foot cliff

SEACLIFF (AP) — An Aptos woman drove a car off a 70-foot cliff and landed unharmed at the feet of a surprised fisherman, authorities said.

"She must be living right somehow," Sam Orzco said on Thursday after he put out a fire that started beneath the car's engine.

The driver, whose name was not released, reportedly told paramedics she "felt fine." They strapped her to a board and insisted on taking her to Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz for an evaluation anyway.

Rangers at Seacliff Beach State Park said her brakes failed as she

left Highway 1 to enter the park around 3:20 p.m. Aide Casey Cartwright was inside a kiosk at the entrance when the 1965 Lincoln Continental sailed by at 45 mph, clipped the kiosk, jumped a curb and became airborne.

"Her eyes were all big and her mouth was open. She was scared,"

Cartwright said.

The car hit a ledge 20 feet down the cliff, eased through the dirt into a heavy slide and stopped near some picnic tables.

"I heard a roar, and the car came flying off the cliff," Orzco said. "After it slid to the bottom, she got out. I couldn't believe it."