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To Whom - etc.

On Monday a truck making a right hand turn from the left hand lane smacked into my car + creased the quarter panel.

The driver stopped, saw me get out of my car, yelled at me in Spanish + drove away. I followed him 1/4 mile + requested his insurance card. He waved his arms + yelled in Spanish, then left me in the street + walked into his back yard.

I asked a neighbor to call the police. They (the police) needed a translater (someone from the neighborhood) to talk with him. They wrote up an accident report saying he was at fault. He told the police he was simply going home, not leaving the accident scene. There was no question that this man was totally unable to speak or understand English + he was driving an enormous semi truck + trailer.

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