



The Angel of Highway 50 Mountain Democrat—June through November 1994

On June 6, 1994, Christene Dawn Skubish, 24, and her 3 year old son, Nicky, were on their way to Carson City, Nevada when their car veered off Highway 50, just above Pollock Pines.

In the days after the accident many locals spotted what they believed to be an “Angel” by the side of the road. The reported sighting of a naked woman on the side of the road led sheriff’s deputies to investigate the area. At first, nothing was found. Deputy Rich Strasser decided to take another look and found a small shoe on the side of the road that had not been there during the first investigation of the area.

Deputy Strasser was then able to see the car, and climbed down to find Nicky. The young boy was dehydrated and suffering from hypothermia, but had survived the car crash. He had been in the car with his dead mother for five days without any food or water.

The car had careened off the embankment at the Bullion Bend curve, clipped two trees, and rolled over, shearing off the roof.

According to a press release from Cosgrove/Meurer Productions, many people believe that the body that was seen on the side of the road was the spirit of Christitene Skubish—trying to draw attention to the crash site to save her son.

Unsolved Mysteries, the popular television show, did a segment of their show on this case in 1996.