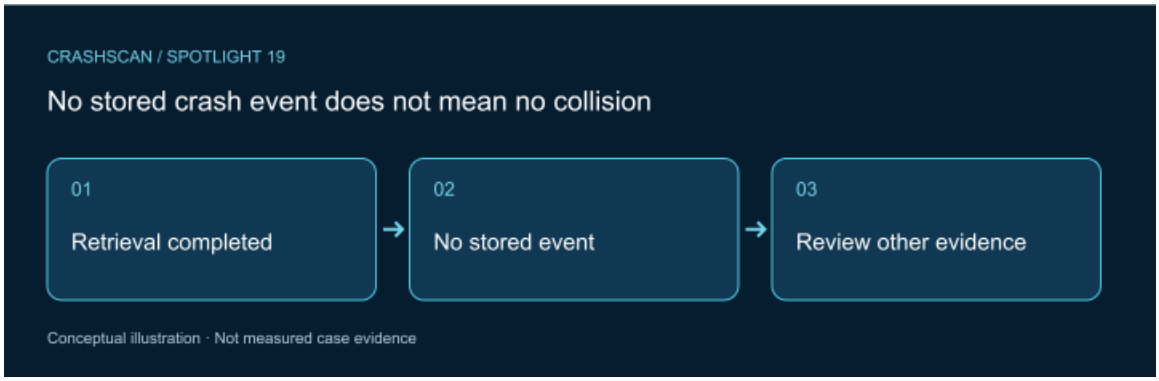
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No stored crash event does not mean no collision

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The question

A retrieval completes but the report contains no stored crash event. Can the investigator conclude that the reported collision did not happen?

Separate the findings

Record whether acquisition succeeded and what the retrieved output actually contains. “No stored crash event” describes the available record. It is a different finding from a failed acquisition, an unsupported vehicle or an inability to communicate with the module.

Check the applicable limits

Review the exact vehicle, module and report definitions. Recording conditions, retention and the data made available can vary. Do not assume a universal recording threshold or infer a particular explanation for an absent event without supporting information.

Use the other evidence

Review photographs, damage, scene measurements, video and witness accounts as available. A report with no stored event cannot, on that fact alone, establish that no collision occurred, disprove an injury, or demonstrate a false claim.

Practical takeaway

Describe the acquisition and its result precisely. Keep authentication of the record separate from reconstruction opinions and from conclusions that the available data cannot support.

About this example: An original illustrative scenario informed by recurring customer questions. It is not a published customer case, report extract, measured reconstruction or claim of a customer outcome. Apply current vehicle-specific guidance to each assignment.

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