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Engine Operational Shut Down on High Speed Freeway

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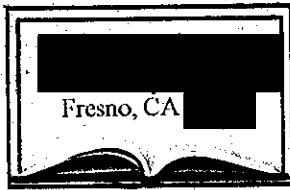
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FACTS:

1. My 2008 BMW 528i vin# WBANU53528C [redacted] with 15145 miles sustained an unexplained engine shut down on Freeway 405 in Southern California. Navigation screen flashed the following within two minutes and/or two miles: Overheating; reduce speed; and pull over and stop. 2. The vehicles engine died when the third message was received. No message was received that the engine was shut down.. Had to navigate a vehicle with only momentum over three lanes to anything that looked like a shoulder to a point of rest. Had to accomplish this task while vehicles were passing on both sides at 65 to 70 mph. Had the disabled flashers activated but some motorists sounded their horns to avoid a collision. Could have easily been struck from the rear or side while attempting to navigate a dead vehicle out of traffic lanes. 3. BMW personnel at Long Beach, CA (repair service), Weber BMW Fresno, CA (home), and BMW HQ in New Jersey could explain or fully understand engineering design for the mechanical incident. But none seemed concern except to say it prevented engine damage. The shut down was traced to a faulty electronic water pump. The incident was very hazardous and I believe could have caused us to be involved in a serious accident – injury or death. 5. I am notifying NHTSA to make it aware of a hazardous and unsafe vehicle mechanical defect. 6. Should you need further data, please contact me at [redacted], e-mail: [redacted] Mailing address: [redacted] Fresno, CA [redacted]

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