Redmond teen arrested for Sept. crash that injured five

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A 19-year old Redmond resident was arrested Tuesday afternoon by Oregon State Police (OSP) and charged with 17 crimes in connection with a September 19th traffic crash into a large tree on Old Bend Redmond Highway south of Glacier View Drive that injured five people. Richard Lawrence Lopez - DCJ photo Richard Lawrence Lopez, 19, was arrested by OSP troopers about 4:45 p.m., November 20. Lopez is charged with two counts of second-degree assault, four counts of third-degree assault, nine counts of recklessly endangering another person, reckless driving and second-degree criminal mischief. He was lodged in the Deschutes County Jail without bail.

According to troopers, Lopez was driving a Honda Civic northbound on the Old Bend Redmond Highway with six passengers about 12:45 p.m. on September 19 when the accident occurred. He allegedly took a curve at excessive speed, lost control, crossed the oncoming lane of traffic and the passenger side of the vehicle then struck a large tree at 64847 Old Bend Redmond Highway.

Lopez received only minor injuries. Right front seat passenger Dustin Duffy, 18, from Redmond, was seriously injured. Natasha R. Schuler, an 18-year-old Redmond resident, was seated on Duffyâ€™s lap and received a head injury.

The left rear seat position was filled by Christopher Moe, 22, and 15-year-old Sheridan Wilder was seated on Moeâ€™s lap. Moe, from Redmond, and Wilder, from Bend, received minor injuries.

Desiray Mercado, 20, from Redmond was seated in the middle rear position, and 19-year old Brian Duran of Redmond was seated to her right. Both received minor injuries.

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