

Oâ€™Neil Highway crash eerily similar to rollover 3 days earlier

by Cheryl McDermott

A 26-year old woman was involved in a rollover crash Saturday with circumstances eerily similar to a crash that occurred just a few miles away on Oâ€™Neil Highway only three days prior, deputies reported.

Alexia May Meyer of Prineville was traveling east on Oâ€™Neil Highway near milepost 5.1 when she lost control of her vehicle as it rounded a curve shortly after 3 p.m., November 24, Crook County Sheriffâ€™s deputy Sgt. Jim Chapman said.

Meyer told deputies when she lost control, the right front tire of her 1998 Volvo sedan drifted onto the highwayâ€™s soft shoulder and she overcorrected. The vehicle rolled at least twice and came to rest in a field on the south side of the highway, Chapman said.

Meyer was not injured, although the Oâ€™Neil Junction sign and possibly a nearby telephone junction box were damaged. No citations were issued, the sergeant said.

The circumstances of Meyer's accident were eerily similar to those of a crash near milepost 11.3 on November 21, when 20-year old Richard Burdick of Prineville lost control on a curve, veered onto the gravel shoulder, rolled his vehicle at least twice, and landed upside down in a field. Burdick was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Prineville with unknown injuries, Chapman said.

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