

Two injured, two unhurt, in separate Crook County rollover crashes

by Cheryl McDermott

Deputies say that icy road conditions contributed to two separate single-vehicle rollover crashes in Crook County over the weekend. In one incident, an elderly Prineville man and his wife were sent to the hospital, and in the second incident the driver and passenger were uninjured.

The first crash occurred Saturday morning about 10 a.m. on Highway 26 West at Winters Lane. Crook County Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene and found the driver, Carl Hammons, 77, and his wife Helen, 76, injured. Both were transported by County fire and rescue ambulance to Pioneer Memorial Hospital where they were treated for reportedly minor injuries, Sgt. Jim Chapman reported.

Carl Hammons apparently lost control of his 2005 Chevrolet pickup on the icy road, Chapman said, then his vehicle crashed through a bank of mailboxes and rolled before coming to rest on the north side of the highway.

There were no injuries reported to the driver or passenger in Sunday's crash near milepost 4 on Juniper Canyon Road, the sergeant said. About 8:15 a.m., 46-year old Prineville resident Douglas Colby lost control of his 1979 Ford pickup which "spun out" in his own lane of travel and then rolled over an embankment. Colby's passenger was identified as Michele Bauer of Prineville.

Neither driver was cited, Sgt. Chapman said.

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