

Three injured in Hwy. 26 crash involving armored truck

by Cheryl McDermott

Three people escaped a two-vehicle crash involving an armored truck and an SUV on Highway 26 west of Government Camp with only minor injuries Friday afternoon, and a fourth was unharmed, police reported.

Three people involved in this crash on Highway 26 near Government Camp on Friday received minor injuries, and a fourth person was not hurt - OSP photo Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers report that Jerry Allen Cobb, 24, of Beaverton was traveling west on Highway 26 near milepost 51 shortly after 3 p.m. when he lost control of the armored transport vehicle. The AT Systems Northwest truck was rounding a left curve when it crossed the oncoming lanes, struck a guardrail, then crashed into an SUV.

Cobb was transported by ambulance to Portland Adventist Hospital with reportedly minor injuries, and his passenger, Eric L. Smallwood, a 30-year old Clackamas resident, was unharmed, OSP reported.

The two occupants of the SUV, a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer, were identified as 52-year old Kathleen Avis, the driver, and her husband William, 61, both of West Linn. The Avisâ€™™ were wearing seatbelts and received minor injuries, troopers said, but declined transport for treatment.

The incident remains under investigation.

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