

Grande Ronde woman killed in car vs. semi-truck crash

by Cheryl McDermott

A 36-year old Grande Ronde woman was killed Friday afternoon when she was unable to stop her car in time to avoid hitting a semi-truck as it pulled onto Highway 99E between Canby and Oregon City, and her vehicle became wedged under the truck's trailer.

Firefighters worked to extricate the deceased driver and her car, wedged under the trailer of the semi-truck. OSP photo. Cynthia Trevino-Williams was pronounced dead at the scene, and Oregon State Police (OSP) are continuing an investigation using a collision reconstruction unit to determine the cause of the crash. It was raining at the time, troopers said, but stated further that the weather didn't appear to be a factor.

Police said that Trevino-Williams was traveling south in a 2002 Nissan about 3:30 p.m., February 1, when she drove under a 53-foot semi-truck and trailer that was entering the highway from a truck lot to go north near milepost 17. Her car became wedged under the trailer, near the rear wheels.

The truck driver, identified as 71-year old Robert Waller of Oakdale, California, was not injured, OSP reported.

Troopers were assisted on scene by Canby and Clackamas Fire personnel, Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies and Canby Police officers.

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