

Bend driver dies in Washington crash

by Cheryl McDermott

A 20-year-old Bend man died from injuries he sustained in a crash Thursday afternoon in northwest Washington when his car hit a tree on Mt. Baker Highway, police reported.

Kyle J. Sonnen was traveling west on SR542, also known as Mt. Baker Highway, when he attempted to pass another vehicle in a no-passing zone, Trooper Kirk Rudeen said. Sonnen's 2000 Subaru station wagon was totaled when it left the road and struck a tree.

Sonnen and his passenger, 18-year-old Bend resident Laura E. Deatherage, were transported by ambulance to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham.

Sonnen was pronounced dead at the hospital, where Deatherage is being treated for unknown injuries, Rudeen said. She was reportedly in satisfactory condition as of Friday night.

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