Mother, Child Injured in Head-on Crash near La Pine

by Cheryl McDermott

Fatigue may have been a contributing factor in a head-on crash involving a car and pickup near La Pine which sent a young woman and her 3-year old child to the hospital Tuesday afternoon, said authorities.

Deschutes County Sheriffâ€™s deputies responded to milepost 164 on Highway 97 near La Pine about 2:30 p.m. December 5 to a report of an injury motor vehicle accident, said Sergeant Ronny Dozier.

According to Dozier, the 1986 Honda Accord being driven south on Highway 97 by 22-year old La Pine resident Krystol M. Jaynes, apparently drifted into the oncoming lane and crashed head-on into a 2006 Dodge Ram pickup operated by Greg D. Broxon, 35, of Bend.

Jaynes and her 3-year old daughter, Malorie, sustained injuries in the crash and were transported by ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center. Boxon was evaluated at the scene by La Pine emergency medical technicians and released, added the sergeant.

Both vehicles were traveling at or near highway speeds, and although there was substantial damage to both vehicles, Dozier says the fact that all occupants were either using safety belts or were secured properly in a child car seat contributed to the fact that all occupants survived.

The investigation is continuing, said Sgt. Dozier, although from statements made by those involved it appears that fatigue may have been a causal factor in the crash.

Oregon Department of Transportation assisted at the scene during investigation and cleanup, and the highway was reopened to traffic about 20 minutes later.

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