

Elderly driver injured when log crashes through windshield

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SCAPPOOSE, Ore. -- An elderly driver received minor injuries Thursday afternoon when she was unable to avoid a collision with a loaded logging truck and one of the logs crashed through her car's windshield, police reported.

The 82-year old driver of this car escaped with only minor injuries when a log crashed through the vehicle's windshield - OSP photo Evelyn Sanders, 82, of Scappoose, was following the truck northbound on Highway 30 near Bennett Road when the accident occurred just before 1:30 p.m., April 3, Oregon State Police (OSP) Sgt. Larry Lucas said.

The truck, driven by 28-year old Daniel Bunnell of Dallas, Oregon, was in the right lane and slowed to make a right turn onto Bennett Road. As he began to turn, the long load swung out in front of Sanders' 1993 Buick LeSabre, troopers said.

Sanders locked her brakes in an attempt to stop, but was unable to avoid a collision. A log crashed through the windshield, penetrating into the front passenger area, Sgt. Lucas said.

Sanders received reportedly minor injuries and was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland. Bunnell was not hurt, OSP said.

Troopers found no violations when they inspected the truck, and no citations were issued, a news release stated.

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