

Redmond driver, 91, dies in two-vehicle collision

by Cheryl McDermott

REDMOND, Ore. — A 91-year old woman died Thursday afternoon when her car, apparently traveling too fast to negotiate a curve in northeast Redmond, Oregon, crossed the centerline and struck an oncoming SUV, deputies reported. The other driver was injured and hospitalized. Preliminary investigation by Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies determined that Charlotte Harvey, 91, of Redmond, was traveling south on NE 17th Street in a 2002 Toyota Solara about 2:10 p.m., May 22, when her vehicle failed to negotiate the curve and collided with an oncoming SUV towing a utility trailer filled with scrap metal, Lt. Shane Nelson reported in a news release.

Harvey was transported by AirLife to St. Charles Medical Center (SCMC) in Bend where she later died from injuries sustained in the crash, Nelson said. The other driver operating the 1996 Nissan Pathfinder struck by Harvey's car was transported by Redmond Fire Department's ground ambulance to SCMC. She was identified as Lacey Freres, 25, of Redmond. Freres' passengers, 22-year old Jacob Simmons and Joseph Simmons, 14, both of Redmond, reported no injuries and were not transported, the lieutenant stated. Both vehicles sustained major front-end damage, all involved persons were wearing appropriate safety restraints, and both airbags deployed, Nelson said. According to the news release, Deschutes County Public Works closed the roadway for about four hours during the investigation and crash scene reconstruction.

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