

## Bend man ejected, seriously injured in crash

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BEND, Ore. — Deputies believe alcohol contributed to a single-vehicle rollover crash in southeast Bend earlier this morning that sent the driver to the hospital with serious injuries.

Driver, Mark Brown, was seriously injured in this crash in southeast Bend early Tuesday morning — DCSO photo Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies, assisted by Bend Police officers and Fire paramedics, responded to the intersection of Knott Road and China Hat Road about 2:20 a.m., March 10, to a reported crash, Sgt. Mike Biondi stated in a news release.

Upon arrival, they found a 2003 Landrover Discovery upside down in the middle of Knott Road. The driver, 27-year old Mark Brown had been ejected from the SUV and was transported by ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center with reportedly serious injuries, the sergeant said.

An accident reconstructionist called to the scene said that based on physical evidence, it is believed that Brown was traveling west on Knott Road when he veered into the soft cinder shoulder near the intersection with China Hat Road, overcorrected his vehicle which crossed to the other side and started to roll.

—Alcohol is believed to be a factor in this crash, Biondi said, adding that Brown was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash.

Deputies and county Public Works personnel closed the road for about three hours.

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