

Passenger dies in Highway 26 crash near Madras

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MADRAS, Ore. — Troopers say that the 20-year-old driver of a vehicle that crashed on Highway 26 about five miles north of Madras Wednesday night was attempting to pass two vehicles when he lost control, drove off the road and flipped his car which landed upside-down in a crash that left him injured and his passenger dead.

The passenger of this vehicle died late Wednesday night on Highway 26 about five miles north of Madras. The car came to rest upside down about 20 feet off the roadway — OSP photo

Oregon State Police (OSP) are continuing the investigation, and have yet to release the names of the driver or passenger pending notification of next of kin.

According to a news release, the accident involved a 1988 Toyota Camry and occurred about 11:40 p.m., April 8, as the driver was traveling north on Highway 26 near milepost 112. Following the accident, the car rested on its top about 20 feet off the highway, OSP Sgt. Paul Collinsworth reported.

The passenger was pronounced dead at the scene, and the driver was transported by ambulance to Mountain View Hospital in Madras for treatment of injuries he received.

Only one lane of traffic was open for about three hours, and the investigation is continuing by troopers assigned to the Madras and Bend offices.

Troopers were assisted by Jefferson County Sheriff's Office deputies, fire and rescue personnel, Oregon Department of Transportation, and the county District Attorney.