

Three Injured in Rollover on Highway 20 East of Bend

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Three people were critically injured following a single vehicle rollover on Highway 20E about 62 miles east of Bend. Two of the occupants were not using safety restraints and were ejected.

On June 5, 2006 at approximately 3:20 p.m., a 2002 Buick four door with Tennessee license plates was westbound on Highway 20E near milepost 62 when it drifted off onto the north shoulder. The driver, Betty Ashlock, age unknown, from Pine Circle, Tennessee, over-corrected causing the car to travel across the highway and off the south shoulder where it rolled multiple times. Betty Ashlock and left rear passenger, Thomas Ashlock, age unknown, also from Pine Circle, were not using safety restraints and were ejected. An unidentified right front female passenger was using safety restraints and was not ejected. Betty and Thomas Ashlock were transported by AirLife to St. Charles Medical Center with critical injuries. The unidentified female passenger was transported by ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center also with critical injuries. Oregon State Police troopers from the Bend Area Command office are continuing the investigation. The cause of the crash has not been confirmed. Lead investigator, Senior Trooper Terry Miller, had high praise for passing motorists who stopped to assist the injured before trained medical personnel could arrive. "Their efforts were remarkable and greatly appreciated because numerous citizens stopped to do whatever they could to help those critically injured in this remote section of highway. Some even stayed after the injured were transported to do whatever they could to help," said Senior Trooper Miller. Photograph Source: Oregon State Police

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