

Drunk driver cited in four-vehicle crash

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A La Pine woman was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants after she lost control of her vehicle on Knott Road in southeast Bend Friday morning, triggering a four-vehicle crash that sent three people to the hospital and closed the highway for one hour and 20 minutes, deputies reported. Tracy Larkin, 46, was northbound on Knott Road about one-quarter mile south of Rickard Road when she lost control of her 1989 Dodge Caravan at 7:05 a.m. and slid into the path of an oncoming 1994 Jeep Wrangler driven by Aaron Shellenborger, 21, of Bend, deputy Jennifer Gaspard and Sergeant Dan Bilyeu reported in a news release issued by the Deschutes County Sheriff's office. The collision led to a chain reaction of events that involved a 1993 Subaru Legacy driven by 23-year old Andrew Fuller of Bend, and a 2003 Ford Excursion driven by Hope L. Roccasalva, 54, of Sunriver. According to the deputies, both Larkin and Roccasalva had to be extricated from their vehicles, with the jaws of life required for the removal of Roccasalva. Three people were transported by ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend: Larkin, Roccasalva, and an unidentified passenger who was riding in Shellenborger's Jeep. Larkin was treated and released, and Roccasalva was reportedly in fair condition on Friday night. Intoxication is believed to be a factor in this crash, the deputies said, adding that Larkin was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants. Road conditions in the area at the time of the crash were reportedly extremely hazardous, with a solid layer of ice covering Knott Road. According to the news release, the crash remains under investigation and test results from the Oregon State Police (OSP) crime laboratory are pending.

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