

Medical Problem Causes Highway 97 Crash

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Arnold Robbins, 55, of Bend Oregon escaped injury on Thursday, June 15 when a pre-existing medical condition apparently caused him to lose control of his 1997 Oldsmobile sedan on Highway 97 south of Redmond.

According to a Deschutes County Sheriff's Office news release, the county 911 Dispatch Center had received numerous calls shortly after 5 pm reporting excessive speed, weaving, and careless operation of Robbins' vehicle.

At approximately 5:30 pm, members of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and Bend Fire and Ambulance responded to a single-car accident at milepost 129, where they found Robbins slumped over the steering wheel. The Oldsmobile had veered into the northbound lanes of Highway 97 near Pleasant Ridge Road, traveled back across the highway, across both southbound lanes, and off the paved road surface. The car came to rest against a juniper tree, and Robbins was extracted by members of Bend Fire and Ambulance.

Further investigation concluded that neither intoxication nor intentional carelessness were a factor in the crash.

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