

Bicyclist runs stop sign, seriously injured in car crash

by Cheryl McDermott

A Bend bicyclist not wearing a helmet was seriously injured late yesterday afternoon when he ran a stop sign east of town and was hit by a car, police reported. Duane Rauphs, 40, suffered a head injury and was transported to the critical care unit of St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Sgt. Ronny Dozier and Deputy Jim Whitcomb wrote in a news release issued by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office. The accident occurred about 5:45 p.m. March 6, when Rauphs was riding his bicycle west on Butler Market Road and failed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection with Hamhook Road, deputies said. Rauphs rode into the path of oncoming traffic and was struck by a 1995 Volkswagen Jetta driven by 22-year old Nicholas B. Pacheco of Redmond. The accident blocked traffic for about one hour, deputies said, and Bend Fire emergency medical technicians assisted at the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

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