

One killed, one injured in Highway 20 crash

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A Wyoming couple was involved in a single vehicle fatal traffic crash Tuesday morning about nine miles east of Burns on Highway 20, resulting in the death of the passenger and minor injuries to the driver. Oregon State Police (OSP) said preliminary investigation suggests driver fatigue and an unrestrained passenger contributed to the accident and death. 76-year old Ted Frome was killed, and his wife Betty received minor injuries in the accident on Highway 20 near Burns, Oregon. OSP photo Betty Frome, 76, of Afton, Wyoming was westbound on Highway 20 near milepost 141 about 10:50 a.m. March 20 when she apparently fell asleep, troopers reported. Her 2007 Lexus sports utility vehicle drifted across the eastbound lane onto the highway shoulder, overcorrected, and rolled before it came to rest on its wheels blocking the eastbound lane.

Frome was using safety restraints and received minor injuries. She was transported by ambulance to Harney District Hospital in Burns.

Ted Frome, the driver's 76-year old husband, was asleep in the rear seat and not using safety restraints when the accident occurred, OSP troopers said. He was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The couple was reportedly on their way to the Oregon coast to visit relatives.

OSP troopers from the Burns work site are continuing the investigation. Upon completion, it will be reviewed by the Harney County District Attorney's Office.

Harney Emergency Medical Services and Oregon Department of Transportation assisted at the scene. The highway reopened to traffic about 12:30 p.m.

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