

Child critically injured when ejected in pickup crash

by Cheryl McDermott

An 11-year-old boy was critically injured Sunday afternoon when his mother's pickup lost control, hit a snowbank and rolled on Timberline Road near the Mt. Hood Highway, Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers reported. Philip Hunter Kollar of Banks was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected in the accident.

11-year old Philip Hunter Kollar was critically injured after being ejected from a pickup during a rollover accident Sunday afternoon on Timberline Road. He was not wearing a seatbelt. OSP photo Shortly before 6 p.m., April 1, Ruthanne Adams, 48, also of Banks, was traveling downhill and south on Timberline Road (State Route 173) near milepost 3 in a 2001 Ford F150 crewcab pickup, troopers said. As she was following a right-hand curve, the pickup lost control and hit a snowbank, rolled and came to rest on its wheels blocking the southbound lane.

Adams's 11-year-old son, Philip, had been riding unrestrained in the right front passenger seat and was ejected during the accident. He was flown by LifeFlight helicopter to Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), where troopers report he remains in critical condition this morning.

Adams and her other son Alex Kollar, 13, were using safety restraints and received only minor injuries. Alex was seated in the right rear seat of the crew cab. Both were taken by American Medical Response (AMR) ground ambulance to OHSU.

Timberline Road was completely blocked for about one-half hour, troopers said, then Oregon Department of Transportation personnel reopened one lane of traffic. The highway was cleared for all lanes of passage about midnight.

OSP troopers from Government Camp and Portland are continuing the investigation. A crash investigation team from Clackamas County, Hoodland Fire Department, and AMR medical technicians assisted at the scene.

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