

Bandon driver killed in Highway 101 crash

by Cheryl McDermott

A 56-year old Bandon woman was killed Tuesday night when she lost control of her vehicle and drove off Highway 101, shearing off a utility pole before crossing an intersection and crashing into a tree. Oregon State Police (OSP) reported she was not using safety restraints.

A 56-year-old woman died in a single-car crash Tuesday night on Highway 101 south of Bandon - OSP photo Martha Lou Fine was traveling southbound on Highway 101 near milepost 278 south of Bandon when the accident occurred about 8:45 p.m. on April 17. Troopers said they don't know the reason Fine lost control of her Mercedes S320 four-door sedan. The vehicle went off the south shoulder of the highway, severed the utility pole, crossed the intersection at Boak Lane, and came to rest after crashing into a tree.

Fine was pronounced dead at the scene, and, according to an OSP news release, was not wearing a seat belt.

Bandon Police, Coos County Sheriff's deputies, Bandon Fire EMTs and Oregon Department of Transportation personnel provided assistance at the scene.

An investigation led by the OSP troopers assigned to the Coos Bay Area Command office is continuing.

The utility pole damage interrupted electrical service to residents on Boak Lane for about two hours.

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