

Myrtle Creek man killed in I-5 crash near Roseburg

by Cheryl McDermott

A 25-year old Myrtle Creek man was killed early this morning in a single-vehicle crash on Interstate-5 about seven miles south of Roseburg, police reported.

OSP troopers ask that anyone who may have witnessed the crash, or have knowledge of the victim's activities prior to the crash to call 541.440.3334 ext. 428. - OSP photo Preliminary investigation by Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers suggests that a 2003 Toyota pickup was southbound on I-5 when it crossed over rumble strips on the right side of the highway, traveled several hundred feet on the gravel shoulder, struck a tree nearly head-on, then glanced off that tree and crashed into another large tree about 40-feet off the road, impacting with the driver's side of the vehicle.

Troopers and Winston Emergency Medical Service and Fire personnel responded to the scene and found Michael Kenneth Rogers, 25, deceased inside the pickup. The victim was not wearing a seatbelt, troopers reported.

Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers from the Roseburg Command Office are continuing the investigation into the crash, which was reported about 5 a.m. today but occurred at an unknown time. Police believe that Rogers was in the Roseburg area with unidentified friends and was on his way home when the accident occurred.

Anyone who may have witnessed the crash, or who has any information regarding Rogers's activity prior to the crash is asked to contact Trooper Brian Assmus at 541.440.3334, ext. 428.

Oregon Department of Transportation cleared the scene about 8:30 a.m.

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