Bend-area police kept busy with drunk drivers, crashes

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Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers, Deschutes County (DCSO) deputies, and Bend Police officers were kept busy Sunday evening responding to several reports of motor vehicle crashes and intoxicated drivers.   The driver alleged to have caused the above accident on Gift Road was arrested for DUII - OSP photo   A Bend motorcyclist was seriously injured when he was unable to avoid a buck deer that ran out in front of him at Highway 97 and Baker Road - OSP photoShortly after 5:30 p.m., July 8, several 911 calls reporting a reckless driver westbound on Highway 126 from Redmond to Sisters. OSP Trooper April Lang located and stopped the vehicle driven by 50-year old Sisters resident Darrell Scott Currier. During the stop, 12 citizens pulled over to report what they had seen and what actions they had to take to avoid the reckless driverâ€™s vehicle. Currier was arrested and lodged in Deschutes County Jail for driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) - drugs, reckless driving, and twelve counts of recklessly endangering another person. He was also cited for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. "Those witnesses should be commended for becoming involved and stopping to give statements," said Trooper Lang. At 7 p.m., DCSO, OSP troopers, and medics responded to a two-vehicle crash on Gift Road near 76th Street. Investigation by DCSO Deputy Jennifer Gaspard indicated a 1998 Dodge pickup driven by Ronald Popoff, 43, of Bend, was traveling west on Gift Road when it rounded a right hand curve into the oncoming lane. The pickup crashed into the driver's side of a 2007 Nissan car traveling downhill, pushing both vehicles off the highway. OSP Trooper Sean Belding assisted the deputy and arrested Popoff for DUII. The occupants of the Nissan were not seriously injured.   At 8:38 p.m., OSP, DCSO and Bend Police officers responded to a single-vehicle crash on the southbound off-ramp of Highway 97 to Baker Road. According to OSP Sergeant Eric Brown, a 2004 Yamaha motorcycle operated by 51-year old Bend resident David Addington entered the off ramp when a buck deer ran out in front of him. Addington put his motorcycle into a skid, struck the deer and then slid along the ground for several feet. Addington was transported to St. Charles Medical Center with serious injuries. He was wearing a protective helmet.

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