

Driver Cited in Sisters Five-vehicle Crash

by Richard Burton

A Canby, Oregon resident driving through Sisters claims the gas pedal on his pickup stuck Sunday afternoon, causing him to lose control and crash into an oncoming pickup — the first of four other vehicles ultimately involved in a five-auto accident. No injuries were reported.

According to Deschutes County sheriff's deputies, Bruce Broetje, 76, was northbound on South Oak Street and turning left onto Cascade Avenue shortly before 3:30 p.m. September 17 when he said his pickup's accelerator stuck, causing him to lose control.

Broetje's pickup hit an oncoming pickup driven by Jerry Lee Bingham, 64, of Bend in the right front, then ran into the left rear of a parked car, said Lt. Deron McMaster. His vehicle then continued westbound, striking another parked car, causing that parked car to spin around 180 degrees and crash into yet another parked car.

All parked vehicles were on the south side of West Cascade Avenue, facing east.

Broetje was cited for failure to maintain a lane of traffic, and one of the parked cars had to be towed, McMaster said.

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