

Pedestrian Hit, Injured by Driver with Frosty Windshield

by Richard Burton

A Bend woman who had not cleared her windshield from overnight frost and dew struck a pedestrian walking on the edge of Groff Road Wednesday morning, deputies said.

The driver, Christine M. Kellison, 36 of Bend, was cited for obstructed vision and failure to drive on the right after she drifted to the far side of the Groff Road between Ward and Rickard Roads and hit one of two women walking on the side of the road.

On September 20 about 7:30 a.m. deputies from the Deschutes County Sheriff's office and members of the Bend Fire Department responded to the report.

Medics administered aid at the scene to Janice L. Ernst, 50 of Bend. Ernst was transported by ambulance to St. Charles Medical Center Bend with non-life threatening injuries, where she was treated and released.

According to a news release by Sgt. Dan Swearingen and Deputy Randall Zilk, Kellison had been traveling at about 25 mph when the accident occurred. "Her visibility was obstructed and she could not see adequately", said authorities.

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