

100-mph plus Motorcyclist Cited near Bend

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A Redmond man, who admitted he didn't learn his lesson the day before when he broke his ankle in a crash on his motorcycle, was cited for multiple offenses Sunday afternoon near Bend. The man was stopped by an OSP trooper in an unmarked Aggressive Driving Enforcement Program (ADEP) vehicle for driving in excess of 100 mph. On March 19, 2006 at approximately 1:00 p.m., OSP Senior Trooper Scott Vaughn was patrolling in an unmarked ADEP vehicle when he observed a motorcyclist northbound on the Highway 97 Bend Parkway accelerate at a high rate of speed. Senior Trooper Vaughn paced the motorcycle at speeds between 100 and 120 mph for a short distance as it made unsignalled lane changes in traffic. Upon stopping the 1995 Kawasaki ZX9 motorcycle, the operator, MICHAEL ROBINSON, age 35, from Redmond, admitted he was going 110 mph and that his license was suspended. A check with Oregon DMV confirmed his operating privileges were misdemeanor suspended. ROBINSON also told the trooper that on Saturday he crashed his motorcycle and broke his ankle. He admitted he just didn't learn from the previous day's crash. Senior Trooper Vaughn towed and impounded the motorcycle. ROBINSON was cited for misdemeanor Driving While Suspended, Violation of the Basic Rule in Excess of 100 mph, and three other traffic violations. Effective January 1, 2006, a new Oregon law stiffened penalties for drivers cited at speeds 100 mph or faster. A conviction carries a mandatory minimum 30 - 90 suspension in addition to a \$1,103.00 fine. Last year, OSP troopers cited 464 people for driving 100 mph or faster. Of those citations issued on secondary state highways, 26% (21) occurred on Highway 97. Excessive speed is a factor in half of all traffic fatalities, and it is the only factor in about 30% of these crashes. Deaths and injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for persons of every age from 3 through 33 years of age.

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