

Passengers seriously injured, Medford driver arrested for DUII crash

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Oregon State Police troopers arrested a Medford-area man Sunday night after he crashed his station wagon as a Shady Cove police officer was attempting to move into position to stop it on Highway 62 about one mile south of Shady Cove. Two 16-year-old female passengers were injured in the alcohol-related crash. Shortly after 9:30 p.m. on October 7, Shady Cove Police Officer Scott Waldon observed a 1987 Gray Chevrolet Cavalier traveling at a high rate of speed southbound on Highway 62 through the city limits. As Officer Waldon was attempting to overtake the vehicle, driver Charles Anthony Mott Jr., age 23, from Medford, sped away at a high rate of speed. Before Officer Waldon could initiate a traffic stop on Mott's vehicle, it lost control while negotiating a left curve and went off the west side of the highway. A right rear passenger in the station wagon identified as Allyson Grodina, age 16, from Central Point, was ejected. Grodina and right front passenger Amanda Widener, age 16, from Central Point, were transported to Providence Hospital in Medford for treatment of serious injuries. Mott was also transported to Providence Hospital where he was treated, released and then taken into custody by Oregon State Police Troopers. Mott was lodged at the Jackson County Jail on the following charges: * Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants * Recklessly Endangering Another Person (2 counts) * Reckless Driving * Assault in the Third Degree * Assault in the Fourth Degree * Misdemeanor Driving While Suspended * Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor (2 counts) The crash completely closed Highway 62 for about an hour one hour and traffic was open to one lane for an additional two hours. Oregon State Police Troopers from the Central Point Area Command were assisted at the scene by Shady Cove Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Shady Cove Fire District, Mercy Flights Ground Ambulance, Jackson County District Attorneys Office and ODOT.

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