

OSP continuing investigation into cause of fatal head-on crash

The drivers of two vehicles were pronounced dead at the scene of a major head-on collision that closed Hwy. 199 between Kerby and Selma for several hours on Sunday, June 22, said Oregon State Police (OSP).

The victims were identified as Cave Junction resident Azlan Breeze, 24; and Talent resident Carolyn Calkins, 61. Breeze is the son of former Illinois Valley resident Mary Wertz. Upon being notified in Alaska of the death, she said that she would be returning.

OSP said that besides the fatalities, two young persons riding in one of the cars suffered serious injuries.

The crash, approximately 300 yards north of Eight Dollar Mt. Road, was reported at around 6:53 p.m. Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) and American Medical Response (AMR) hurried to the scene in force to assist the injured, stand by in case of fire, and perform other emergency duties.

OSP and Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) responded with two patrol cars each.

The highway was closed

at the scene to all traffic for approximately four hours. Motorists were rerouted to Reeves Creek Road on the south and Lakeshore Drive on the north.

OSP said that a Mitsubishi 3000 two-door driven by Breeze was southbound on 199 between mileposts 23 and 24 when, for unknown reasons, it crossed onto the northbound lane. It crashed head-on with a 2005 Kia Amanti driven by Calkins, OSP said. There appeared to be no skid marks on the road.

The Kia's right-front passenger, Tracy Jackson, 13, grandson of Mrs. Calkins, from Medford, was transported by AMR to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass. He has been released.

The right-rear passenger, Geraldo Rodriguez, 12, Tracy's friend from Medford, was seriously injured. He was taken by a Mercy Flights air ambulance to Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford. A family friend said that he was released Monday, June 23 and was recovering at home.

The medical evacuation helicopter landed on the high-



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way a short distance north of the accident. IVFD units were used to block off the area utilized as a landing zone.

Breeze apparently was ejected from his vehicle in the crash. He was found near the front of his car, and down an embankment. The car driven by Calkins was taken to a car wrecking site in Cave Junction, where she was extricated.

Although the road was

reopened at approximately 11 p.m., emergency personnel were at the scene until around 12:30 a.m. Monday, June 23.

OSP troopers from the Grants Pass and Central Point offices are continuing the investigation. One Illinois Valley resident at the scene, who was southbound when the crash occurred in front of him, said that he saw the Mitsubishi veer left immediately prior to the accident.

Besides IVFD, AMR, OSP, Mercy Flights and JCSO, assistance at the scene or in connection with the investigation was provided by

ODOT, Josephine County District Attorney's Office, Medford Police Dept., and State Medical Examiner's Office, OSP reported.

Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Blotter' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Saturday, June 14

*It was reported that someone was moving traffic cones on Redwood Hwy. near Hanby Lane. Nothing appeared out of place, however.

*Reported swerving "all over the roadway" in Selma at 2:03 p.m., a possibly intoxicated driver then stopped to recycle some beer cans at a grocery store.

*In Cave Junction a woman reported that her ex-husband left three messages on her office phone threatening to return.

*On E. River Street, theft of a .40-caliber handgun, shoulder holster and extra clip was reported.

*A Garner Road resident said that a neighbor had been shooting at her dog with a pistol. The neighbor admitted to firing a .BB gun "when the dogs were on his property." He was advised to phone Animal Control instead.

*An elderly driver was warned for impeding traffic and failure to maintain a lane while searching for an address on Rockydale Road.

*Just before 6 p.m., gunshots were heard coming from the area of Seats Dam, where it was thought a large party of teen-aged persons was hanging out. The caller requested extra patrol of the area.

*A domestic disturbance was reported at the 5000 block of Westside Road.

*On White Schoolhouse Road it was suspected that underage persons were drinking at a party.

Sunday, June 15

*A swarm of thousands of bees was reported occupying the open-air stage at Jubi-

lee Park. Cave Junction officials were notified.

*Two people were warned about residing on federal forest property out Illinois River Road at Six Mile Campground.

*Lucian M. Heatherstone, 25, was cited on a public nudity charge in the 9000 block of Illinois River Road at 3:26 p.m.

*Several ATV operators were warned for driving on pavement in the 10000 block of Illinois River Road at 3:46 p.m.

*In the 17000 block of Redwood Hwy. a tenant said that her landlord cut off electrical power two days before she was to move out.

*Intoxicated people were said to be begging behind a restaurant in Downtown CJ and refusing to leave at 5:54 p.m.

*Three people were contacted after-hours at Illinois River "Forks" State Park.

*Following a vehicle pursuit on Lakeshore Drive and Reeves Creek Road at speeds of 19 to 30 mph, Richard Alan Sheppard, 52, was cited on charges of driving under the influence of an intoxicant (DUII), having a reported blood-alcohol content of .11, probation violation and felony eluding. Sheppard was lodged in Josephine County Jail.

*In connection with the preceding incident, Richard Alan Sheppard, 52, was cited on a Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety warrant charging failure to appear (FTA) on an original charge of DUII. His vehicle was impounded.

*Extra patrol was conducted at Lake Selmac around 10:30 p.m.

*Melissa Karen Fulton, 30, was cited on a charge of driving with a suspended license (DWS), and driving without insurance on Reeves Creek Road at 10:43 p.m.

*A woman said that

she'd been almost run off Airport Drive by the driver of a brown Jeep Cherokee. She thought there might be an underage party going on at Seats Dam.

Monday, June 16

*A complaint of loud music came from the 5000 block of Westside Road at 1:24 a.m.

*Theft of an ATV from a campsite at Lake Selmac was reported by a visitor from California.

*A green Bronco was reported stolen from the 29000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*Lee Ray Lewis, 58, was cited on warrants charging FTA on original charges of fourth-degree assault, menacing, identity theft and contempt of court.

*Following a disturbance in the 27000 block of Redwood Hwy., Stephen Ray Cooper, 36, was cited on a charge of fourth-degree assault.

*Some sort of disturbance was reported on Aries Lane. A woman was heard to yell, "If anyone can hear me please call the police!" No one was at the residence when a deputy arrived.

*Air staplers and cordless screwdrivers were reported stolen from a business in the 30000 block of Redwood Hwy.

Tuesday, June 17

*Loud music, screaming and the sound of items being thrown were reported at an Aries Lane residence at 2:22 p.m.

*No citations were issued following a single-vehicle accident in the 2900 block of Holland Loop reported at 9:18 p.m.

*An alarm sounded at SOFCU Community Credit Union at 11:29 p.m. due to a rock thrown at a window.

Wednesday, June 18

*Following an early morning pursuit of a reported stolen vehicle, and then a foot pursuit by a deputy and his

K-9, Joshua Dale Walters, 18, was arrested on charges of possession of a stolen vehicle, eluding a police officer, reckless driving, and interference with a police dog.

*In connection with the preceding incident, Joshua Dale Walters was treated for dog-related injuries.

*Craig C. Hackney, 51, of Myrna Lane, was arrested after a woman said that she and her daughter were shot at while they were riding horses in the 28000 block of Redwood Hwy. on the north side of Cave Junction.

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