

ROLLOVER

Man dies three days after I-84 rollover crash

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Oregon State Police have identified five people involved in a single-vehicle rollover crash Thursday, Sept. 3, on Interstate 84 in Pendleton, including one man who was ejected from the vehicle and later died from his injuries.

Gary Elkins, 42, of Stayton, died Sunday while being treated at Oregon Health & Science University, Portland. Four others were also identified by OSP on Tuesday — including three local residents — while authorities continue to search for two men who reportedly fled the scene.

State police Lt. Mike Turner of the Pendleton command said, "We have one tentatively identified," but that is not 100 percent certain. He also said it is unlikely the public could



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Pendleton firefighters treat one of the victims of a single vehicle rollover on Thursday near mile marker 209 on Interstate 84 in Pendleton.

help in this case. The man has been wanted on a warrant for some time, Turner said, and so far has avoided capture.

A 1995 Ford Explorer was eastbound Thursday afternoon when one of its tires blew on Interstate 84 near exit 209. The

vehicle rolled, and five of its occupants went to hospitals.

The driver was Margarito Martinez-Sauceda, 58, of Pasco, according to state police. A ground ambulance took him to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, which transferred him by air ambulance to Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Richland.

CRASH The rollover ejected Gary Elkins, 42, of Stayton. He ended up on the westbound lanes of I-84. A ground ambulance also took him to St. Anthony, and an air ambulance then flew him to Oregon Health & Science University where he later died.

The crash also threw Clifford Steeley, 43, of Adams, from the vehicle. He landed in the center median, and an air ambulance flew him to Provi-

dence St. Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla. Patsy Elkins, 40, of Echo, also suffered injuries, and a ground ambulance took her to St. Anthony.

And Vanessa Medelez, 32, of Hermiston, left the crash scene on foot and received a ride to St. Anthony in a private vehicle, according to state police. The hospital treated and released her, and police subsequently arrested her on an outstanding warrant for a probation violation. Medelez remains in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

Turner also said most of the crash reconstruction is done, and so far it looks like the failure of the tire is the contributing factor in the crash. He said preliminary findings do not indicate criminal behavior, such as excessive speed, was involved.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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