



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

NPD MEDIA RELEASE

05/11/2016 8:30 a.m.

Incident: Three-Vehicle Crash **Case #: 16N-00929**

Location: Yaquina Bay Bridge

Date/Time: 05/10/2016 at 10:25 a.m.

Driver #1: Barbara K. Matlock, age 75 of Waldport

Driver #2: Devon J. Smith, age 30 of Eugene

Driver #3: Ryan Ray Dorman Jr., age 32 of Yachats

Details: On Tuesday, 05/10/2016, at 10:25 a.m., Newport Police Officers were dispatched to a stalled vehicle in the northbound lane of the Yaquina Bay Bridge. While responding, Officers were then advised of a three-car crash in the northbound lane. As Officers arrived, they discovered the stalled vehicle being assisted off the north end of the bridge, and so they continued to the crash site. Traffic was backing up in both the north- and south-bound lanes.

The crash investigation revealed that Barbara K. Matlock, age 75 of Waldport, had slowed to a stop in the line of traffic. Devon J. Smith, age 30 of Eugene, had also slowed to a stop behind Matlock. Ryan Ray Dorman Jr., age 32 of Yachats, failed to slow to a stop, and collided with the back of Smith's vehicle. The impact caused Smith's vehicle to collide with the back of Matlock's vehicle. Smith was suffering a minor head injury, and complaining of neck pain. Medical was summoned, and transported Smith to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport. During the investigation and removal of the vehicles from the bridge, traffic was controlled by flaggers and reduced to one lane for approximately one hour. The crash is still under investigation; at this time no citations have been issued.

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