



CROOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF JOHN GAUTNEY

Date: August 25, 2025
From: Lt. Mitch Madden
Event: Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash
Location: SW George Millican Road milepost 9, Prineville, OR

PRESS RELEASE

On August 25, 2025, at approximately 8:52 a.m., deputies from the Crook County Sheriff's Office and EMS from Crook County Fire & Rescue were dispatched to multiple reports of an injury motor vehicle crash on SW George Millican Road near milepost 9 in Prineville. Initial reports to 9-1-1 indicated that one vehicle was involved in a rollover crash and that the sole occupant-driver had been ejected from the vehicle.

Deputies and medics arrived and located the vehicle, driver, and other bystanders. Medics determined that the female driver, later identified as 43-year-old Rosellyn Thayer of Prineville, was deceased.

The preliminary investigation revealed that Thayer was operating a 1986 Toyota SR5, northbound on a straight stretch of SW George Millican Road just south of milepost 9, when she traveled into the oncoming lane for unknown reasons. She then traveled onto the gravel shoulder before returning onto the pavement, across the northbound lane, and rolled multiple times off the east shoulder. At some point during the rollover, it appears that Thayer was ejected from the vehicle. Thayer's next of kin was notified of the fatal crash.

SW George Millican Road was closed for about an hour due to the investigation. It was eventually opened to one lane while the investigation was being conducted.

The Crook County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Oregon State Police, Crook County District Attorney's Office, Deschutes County Medical Examiner's Office, Crook County Road Department, Crook County Fire & Rescue, Prineville Funeral Home, and STAR Towing.

No further information at this time as the investigation continues.