



PRESS RELEASE

Case #13-511337

Deputies Arrest DUI Driver After Injury Crash

August 4, 2013—Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash where the driver rolled the vehicle sending two passengers to the hospital. The driver was arrested for DUI and other charges.

On August 3, 2013, at 10:26 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single vehicle that crashed at the intersection of NW Old Wilson River Road and NW Thornburg Road. This is in the community of Gales Creek, west of Forest Grove.



Deputies arrived and found a 1994 Jeep Cherokee upside-down on NW Old Wilson River Road. Deputies identified Abbey Hatch, 17, from Forest Grove, as the driver of the Jeep. Sheriff's Deputies determined that Ms. Hatch was driving the Jeep and failed to negotiate the turn from NW Thornburg Road to NW Old Wilson River Road, went into the ditch and rolled over.

Sheriff's Deputies determined that while Ms. Hatch was driving, Richard Cutright, 24, from Forest Grove, was riding on the roof of the Jeep. Investigators learned that Seth Staples, 21, from Beaverton, was climbing out of the Jeep's window attempting to get onto the roof. It is believed that Ms. Hatch was driving over 30 mph when she turned the corner and crashed with the men on the exterior of the Jeep.

Richard Cutright was transported to the hospital by ground ambulance with non life-threatening injuries. Seth Staples possibly sustained internal injuries and was transported by Life-Flight to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

There was evidence that led deputies to believe that Ms. Hatch was under the influence of alcohol and drugs when the crash occurred.

Sheriff's Deputies arrested Abbey Hatch. She was charged with DUI, two counts of Fourth Degree Assault, and Reckless Driving with additional charges possible. She was cited and released with a court date of September 3, 2013.