



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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16-year-old Girl Critically Injured in Street Race

Summary of Event

Last night, Friday, August 27, two cars driven by teenage boys were racing on SW Cipole Road north of Tualatin. One of the cars crashed and a 16-year-old passenger was critically injured. Washington County CART is investigating the crash.

Full Details

On August 27, 2010, at about 10:20 p.m., an unlawful street race was taking place on SW Cipole Road in unincorporated Washington County north of the City of Tualatin. Two cars driven by two teenagers were traveling north at a high rate of speed on SW Cipole Road approaching SW Highway 99 when one of them lost control and crashed.

Sheriff's Deputies responded to the crash, assisted by members of the Tualatin and King City Police Departments. Deputies interviewed witnesses and learned that 18-year-old Cameron Rathmanner, from Lake Oswego, was driving his 1993 Honda Civic and was engaged in a speed race against another 18-year-old man.



SW Cipole Road is a straight rural road that rises and falls. It is not lit and has narrow gravel or dirt shoulders. Mr. Rathmanner was traveling in excess of 80 miles per hour when he lost control of his car and slid sideways into a very large tree. The car impacted the tree on the passenger side where a 16-year-old girl was sitting. She was trapped in the car and knocked unconscious in the crash. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue extracted the young lady by cutting the top off of the car. She was transported to Oregon Health & Science University by Metro West Ambulance.

Mr. Rathmanner's brother was also in the car. He was riding in the back seat and received non-life-threatening injuries.

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Deputies found numerous teenagers at the scene of the crash who had been observing the race. Most of the teens claimed that the race was spontaneous, although Deputies doubt that all of them had gathered on a dark road in rural Washington County by coincidence.

The investigation is being conducted by the Washington County Crash Reconstruction Team ([CART](#)). The case is still under investigation and there have been no arrests made at this time. The 16-year-old girl is listed in critical condition at OHSU. Her name is not being released.