



Edmond Police Department

Summary



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Case

Case Number: 2022-00059049 Location: W 33RD ST / BRISTOL PARK BLVD Edmond, OK 73013 Reporting Officer ID: 359 - Jaggi	Incident Type: Accident Fatality Occurred From: 10/06/2022 09:54 Occurred Thru: 10/06/2022 09:54 Disposition: Cleared by Exception Disposition Date: 10/25/2022 Reported Date: 10/06/2022 09:54 Thursday
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Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
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Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
Deceased	1	NICHOLS, VICKIE LEE	408 TIMBERDALE TER Edmond, OK 73034		White	Female	
Other	1	SCHWARZ, ELIZABETH L	908 WESTBURY TER Yukon, OK 73099		White	Female	
Other	2	ROMANO, TAMMYE E	504 TIMBER RIDGE RD Edmond, OK 73034		White	Female	
Other	3	GOODNER, CANDICE ELAINE	7209 NW 152ND ST OK 73013		White	Female	
Witness	1	BLAIR, KRISTIN RAE	3801 PAWNEE Edmond, OK 73013		White	Female	
Witness	2	CAMPBELL, ROBERTO RAMIREZ	2825 DUDLEY DR Edmond, OK 73012		White	Male	
Witness	3	CONANT, JENNIFER LYNN	3200 MEADOW LN Edmond, OK 73013		White	Female	
Witness	4	POSTIER, SYDNEY BRIANNE	14301 S FAIR MEADOW DR EDMOND, OK 73003		White	Female	

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property

Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
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Vehicles

No.	Role	Vehicle Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	State
1	Other Involved Vehicle	Passenger Car	2020	Ford	ESCAPE	Gray	IQN399	OK
2	Other Involved Vehicle	Passenger Car	2010	Toyota	SIENNA	Blue	GT0235	OK

Routing:

OfficerID: COENT\RegierG, Narrative

On 10-06-22, at about 0955 hours, I responded to an injury collision at 33rd and Bristol Park. On arrival, I saw a gray van facing west in the left hand westbound lane and a gray SUV facing northeast in front of the van. Both had heavy front end damage. There were two passengers in the van and only one in the SUV. I talked with several witnesses about what they had seen prior to the crash. All of them seemed to agree there may have been a medical issue with the driver of the SUV prior to the collision. I wrote down their information and gave it to Sgt Jaggi.

OfficerID: COENT\JaggiG, Narrative

On 10/6/22 at approximately 0954 hrs. I was dispatched to an injury collision involving two vehicles. I arrived on scene at 1005 hrs. and met with officers that were already at the scene. I met with Sgt. Reiger and Officer Radcliff who had obtained witness information for me and the witnesses had already left the scene of the collision. I noticed that two vehicles were involved in the collision and both had heavy front end damage. A blue colored Toyota Sienna minivan, bearing Oklahoma Tag# GTO235, was disabled in the westbound inside lane of 33rd Street. A gray colored Ford Escape suv, bearing Oklahoma Tag# IQN399, was disabled facing in a northeast direction partially in the westbound inside lane and middle turn lane of 33rd Street. There was debris and fluid from the vehicles in the middle of the westbound inside lane of 33rd Street. This area is where the point of impact of the collision occurred. My first examination of the scene made me believe the Ford Escape had driven left of center and struck the Toyota Sienna in the westbound inside lane of 33rd Street. The officers that had given me witness information did advise me that witnesses said the Ford Escape was eastbound on 33rd Street and had drifted into the middle turn lane and then into the westbound lanes of travel of 33rd Street when the collision occurred.

I noticed the Toyota Sienna minivan was occupied two times and I was given their information from officers. The driver was O-Tammy Romano and the passenger was D-Vickie Nichols. I spoke with O-Romano who was being checked out by Fire personnel. She was conscious and alert and I asked her what happened. She advised me she was westbound on 33rd Street in the inside lane. She said she saw the Ford Escape start to drift from the eastbound lanes of 33rd Street, across the middle turn lane, and then come into her lane of travel. O-Romano said she started to brake and was almost stopped when she was struck in the front by the Ford Escape. O-Romano said she did not swerve left or right prior to the collision and was just trying to stop. I did not speak with the passenger D-Nichols due to her being treated by Fire personnel. D-Nichols was still in the vehicle also and was sitting in an electric wheelchair in the front passenger position. The minivan was equipped for wheelchair use and had a wheelchair ramp on the passenger side of the vehicle. There was not a front passenger seat in the vehicle, and there were metal tracks where the wheelchair can roll up to the front passenger seat area. I noticed there was a modified length buckle for the seatbelt in the front passenger seat. It appeared the wheelchair passenger could use the lap and shoulder belt and buckle it into the seatbelt buckle that was extended from the floor of the vehicle. Both the driver and passenger airbags of the vehicle had been deployed. The windshield had been shattered but there was no indication that either occupant had struck the windshield. As far as I could tell, both occupants were wearing their seatbelts. D-Nichols did have a small cut on her nose, but it appeared to me that it could have been caused by her eye glasses when the airbag deployed. D-Nichols was conscious and alert and was speaking with medical personnel. Fire personnel advised me they were told D-Nichols was paralyzed from the waist down and that is why she utilizes a wheel chair.

I noticed the Ford Escape suv was occupied one time and the driver was still in the driver's seat and was being treated by Fire Personnel. The driver was identified as O-Schwarz. O-Schwarz was lethargic and Fire personnel were trying to keep her awake while they were treating her. Two EMSA units had been called to the scene

and the first unit that arrived began treating O-Schwarz. As I was obtaining information for the collision report, one of the fire fighters that was treating O-Schwarz said O-Schwarz had advised him that she must have "blacked out" because she did not remember what happened. I heard one of the medical personnel treating O-Schwarz say that O-Schwarz was Diabetic and they tested her blood sugar and gave a number result, but I did not remember what that number was when I heard it. One of the medical personnel advised me O-Schwarz has a medical history of being hypertensive, but right now she is hypotensive. I was advised this meant O-Schwarz has a history of high blood pressure. They advised me O-Schwarz was currently having very low blood pressure. EMSA advised me they could not get O-Schwarz's blood pressure to a normal level and they were transporting her to OU Presbyterian Hospital. I called for a wrecker for the Ford Escape and it was towed due to being disabled and was taken by All City Towing.

There was a delay in the second EMSA unit being dispatched to the scene for D-Nichols and O-Romano. O-Romano was able to get out of her vehicle and walk over to parking lot where her husband had arrived on scene. Fire personnel were able to get the wheelchair ramp down on the minivan and moved D-Nichols, in her wheelchair, to the parking lot also. Since O-Romano's vehicle was disabled, I called for a wrecker and Collins Wrecker took the vehicle. I was able to get the roadway cleared and myself and fire personnel went over to the parking lot and waited for the second EMSA unit to arrive. I stayed with Fire until the EMSA unit arrived. They were going to transport D-Nichols to Mercy Hospital. I was informed O-Romano has been caring for D-Nichols for several years. I was told D-Nichols's primary doctor was wanting her to be transported to Mercy Hospital. O-Romano was going to ride with D-Nichols in the ambulance but it was unclear if O-Romano was going to go as a patient or just to ride with her to the hospital. Fire personnel were staying on scene so I was able to leave the scene.

When I left the scene of the collision, I had no idea that this collision could result in a fatality collision. As far as I was concerned this was a minor injury collision. I was slightly concerned about O-Schwarz having low blood pressure and her being diabetic. Based on her low blood pressure and being diabetic, I thought the cause of O-Schwarz traveling left of center was probably due to her having a medical episode and she went unconscious while driving. I did not photograph the scene of the collision.

On 10/10/22 I received a message from the husband of O-Romano, the driver from the Toyota Sienna van. He informed me that the passenger, D-Vickie Nichols had died. I had not been informed of a death from the Medical Examiner's Office. I called the Medical Examiner's Office and it was confirmed that D-Nichols had died on 10/7/22 at 0443 hrs. at Mercy Hospital. They put me in contact with the doctor that was handling the case. I spoke with Dr. Marlene Langston from the Medical Examiner's Office and she advised me D-Nichols had died from multiple blunt force trauma caused by the collision. She advised me D-Nichols had tested positive for Amphetamines in her system also. She said D-Nichols utilized a wheelchair due to her being paralyzed from the waist down due to having a medical condition called Transverse Myelitis.

Once I knew this collision had turned into a fatality investigation, I went to Collins Wrecker (301 W. Waterloo Road) and photographed the Toyota Sienna minivan. The business advised me family members had already been to the wrecker yard and had taken items from the vehicle. I did not put an investigative hold on the vehicle because I did not think it was necessary for my investigation.

I went to All City Towing (3838 N. Boulevard) and photographed the Ford Escape. The business advised me family members had already been to the wrecker yard and had taken items from the vehicle. I placed an impound (22-412) on the vehicle and placed a hold on the vehicle for investigative purposes. I thought I might have to download the data from the vehicle's Airbag Control Module (ACM)/Electronic Control Unit (ECM).

On 10/11/22 I called W-Kristin Blair whose information was given to me by officers at the scene of the collision. W-Blair advised me she had witnessed the collision. She said she was westbound on 33rd Street and was behind the Toyota Sienna minivan. She said she saw the Ford Escape SUV eastbound on 33rd Street and the Ford Escape began to veer to the left into the middle turn lane of 33rd Street. She said the Ford Escape continued to veer to the left and then crossed the centerline and into the lane of travel the Toyota Sienna minivan was in. She said the vehicles hit head on. I asked her if the Ford Escape had swerved to the left abruptly or was in a constant drifting to the left. She said the SUV just kept drifting to the left and across the lanes and it was not abrupt. She said she kept waiting for the SUV to "course correct" but it never did. I asked her if she thought the Ford Escape was traveling at an excessive speed or not, and she said it seemed to be driving at a normal speed. She thought maybe the Ford Escape was traveling at 40-50 mph.

I called and spoke with W-Roberto Campbell whose information was given to me by officers at the scene of the collision. W-Campbell advised me he did witness the collision. He said he was eastbound on 33rd Street and was coming up to the intersection of Santa Fe Avenue. He said he was in the inside lane of 33rd Street. He said the Ford Escape was ahead of him and it was stopped in the middle of the inside lane and the outside lane of travel. He said he thought the vehicle might have been broken down. He said when the light turned green, the Ford Escape started to move slowly and moved into the eastbound outside lane. He said he was then able to pass the Ford Escape. He said when he passed the Ford Escape he noticed the female driver was "slumped over" on the steering wheel and he thought she might be having a medical emergency. He said after he passed her, he looked in his rear mirror and noticed the Ford Escape had driven over the south curb of 33rd Street and driving eastbound with its left side tires on the street and the right side tires were on the sidewalk. He said he then saw the Ford Escape get back on the roadway. He said he was worried that this was a medical emergency and he was able to get far ahead of the Ford Escape and turn into a parking lot to turn around and watch the Ford Escape. He said when he turned around in the parking lot, he saw the Ford Escape eastbound on 33rd Street. He said the Ford Escape crossed into the left turn lane and then across the centerline into the westbound lanes of 33rd Street. He saw the Ford Escape hit the front of the Toyota Sienna minivan. He said he thought the Ford Escape had crossed from the eastbound lanes to the westbound lanes in a short span of time.

I called and spoke with W-Jennifer Conant whose information was given to me by officers at the scene of the collision. She advised me that she did witness the collision. She said she was westbound on 33rd Street in the outside lane. She said she saw the Ford Escape eastbound on 33rd Street. She said the Ford Escape was drifting to the left and crossed into the middle turn lane and then into the inside westbound lane of travel. She said she accelerated because she thought the Ford Escape was going to come into her lane so she was trying to get past it before the Ford Escape came into her lane. She said she looked back in her rearview mirror and saw the Ford Escape hit the Toyota Sienna minivan head on.

I called and spoke with W-Sydney Postier whose information was given to me by an officer at the scene of the collision. She advised me that she did witness the collision. She said she was jogging westbound on the south side of 33rd Street. She said she collision occurred ahead of her. She said she saw the Ford Escape eastbound on 33rd Street and it crossed into the middle turn lane and then across the centerline into the westbound lanes of 33rd Street. She said she saw the Ford Escape hit the Toyota Sienna minivan that was westbound on 33rd Street. W-Postier told me she was a "licensed medical professional" so she went over to check on the drivers of the vehicles. She said she first went over to the Toyota Sienna minivan and checked on the two people that were in the minivan. She said they were conscious and alert and seemed to be just "shaken up." She then went over to the Ford Escape and noticed the driver (O-Schwarz) was unconscious. She said she began talking to O-Schwarz and was able to get her awake and talking. She said she spoke with O-Schwarz and found out she was diabetic. She said O-Schwarz stated her blood sugar was low the day before. W-Postier asked her if she had checked her blood sugar this morning and O-Schwarz said she was going to check it when she got to the massage college, where she was headed to. W-Postier said she stayed on scene until medical arrived and took over.

On 10/11/22 I called and spoke with O-Schwarz to see how she was doing. She said she had been released from the hospital the next day and that she had a few cracked bones. I asked her if the hospital had advised her what happened to her and why she lost consciousness prior to the collision. She said they did not know. I asked her about the day of the collision and how she was feeling. She said she felt great and was going to the massage college to get a massage. I asked her what she remembered about the collision. She said she remembered driving to the massage college and the next thing she knew someone was telling her to wake up and open her eyes. She does not remember the collision. I asked her if she has any medical problems and she said she is diabetic and has a history of high blood pressure and cholesterol. She said she does take medication for high blood pressure and high cholesterol. She said she did not have any other medical issues. I asked her if she had any history of having seizures and she said she did not. I asked her if she had ever went unconscious while driving and she said she has not. I sent requests for EMSA run reports on D-Nichols and O-Schwarz. I also requested the medical/treatment records for O-Schwarz from Presbyterian Hospital.

On 10/11/22 I went to the scene of the collision to see if any of the surrounding businesses possibly had surveillance cameras that might have captured the

collision. I first went to Hahn Appliance Warehouse (220 NE. 150th Street) because I noticed they had some cameras at the front of the business. I met with an employee who took me to a back room to see all the camera views. From the front camera view it appeared the cameras were not pointed where the collision occurred. The employee advised me he had to get one of their IT guys to come in to playback the camera footage and that there was possibly another camera angle that we could not see that might have captured the collision. I was later told on 10/15/22 that the cameras did not capture the collision.

On 10/11/22 I went to Blue Haven Pools (200 NE. 105th Street) to see if their surveillance cameras had captured the collision. I met with an employee (O-Goodnear) and she was able to view the camera footage. One camera on the east side of the business did capture the collision. The video showed that at 0952 hrs. the Ford Escape comes into the view and is eastbound on 33rd Street and is already in the middle turn lane. The Ford Escape continues into the westbound inside lane of 33rd Street and strikes the front of the Toyota Sienna minivan. Prior to the collision, I could see that the Toyota Sienna minivan was braking and almost came to a complete stop prior to the collision. From the time stamp on the surveillance footage, the collision occurred at 9:52 and 54 seconds.

Another camera angle from the front of the business did not show the collision, but did show the Ford Escape eastbound on 33rd Street prior to the collision. The video shows that when the Ford Escape comes into view, it is eastbound on 33rd Street in the inside lane. Before the Ford Escape goes out of view, it is traveling into the left turn lane. The time stamp on the surveillance footage shows the Ford Escape at 9:52 and 42 seconds. O-Goodnear was able to copy the videos for me and put them on two separate thumb drives. O-Goodnear advised me that the saved video from the camera at the front of the store was not saving properly and it was unable to be viewed. She said she was able to save a video of the footage by using her cell phone and filming the screen of her computer. From watching the video, I did not see anything that made me think the Ford Escape was traveling at a high rate of speed. The speed limit in that area of the collision is 45 mph.

On 10/18/22 I received the EMSA Run Report for the care of O-Schwarz. In the report it shows O-Schwarz's blood pressure readings at several intervals between the hours of 10:21 to 10:49. All the blood pressure readings were low ranging from 96/49 to as low as 72/43. The report also showed O-Schwarz's pulse rate during these intervals. Her pulse rates were all in the 50's. EMSA report also indicated O-Schwarz had an history of Diabetes. EMSA report indicated O-Schwarz was hypotensive (low blood pressure) at the time of their contact with her and she was transported Level 1 status.

On 10/18/22 I received the medical/treatment report for O-Schwarz when she was in the hospital. One report indicated that O-Schwarz was Diabetic and has a history of high blood pressure (hypertensive). It stated that when O-Schwarz arrived she was lethargic, had low blood pressure (hypotensive) and was bradycardic. Bradycardic is when someone has a slow heart rate, under 60 beats per minute. I looked up bradycardia and it showed that a heart rate that's too slow can cause insufficient blood flow to the brain. Symptoms include Fatigue or feeling weak,

dizziness or lightheadedness, confusion, fainting (or near fainting) spells, difficulty when exercising, or cardiac arrest (in extreme cases). The General Surgery Attending Note stated "the patient has mild injuries sustained in a motor vehicle crash. She had syncope prior to the car crash and here had hypotension not attributable to trauma with heart rate persistently 55." Syncope is another word for fainting or passing out. The neurosurgery consult note indicated the O-Schwarz stated she blacked out 1 time over 20 years ago when her blood pressure was low. It also stated there was no history of seizures. The cardiology consult note had a part that read, "During the trauma work up, patient "fainted" while having standing x rays completed. Heart rate noted to be in the 50's at that time. One doctor's report stated the patient advised she often gets "lightheaded" but denies ever losing consciousness. There was a toxicology report from 10/6/22 and it showed everything tested was negative for O-Schwarz.

After reading the medical/treatment reports, it is possible to believe the low blood pressure and slow heartbeat O-Schwarz's was suffering from, could have caused her to pass out when she was driving.

On 10/19/22 I spoke with Steve Huddleston with the Oklahoma County DA's Office. I presented him with all the evidence gathered in this collision investigation. He declined any charges against O-Schwarz.

ROADWAY

33rd Street is an asphalt roadway oriented in an east and west direction. There are two lanes for eastbound and two lanes for westbound. There is a middle lane designated for left turns. The width of 33rd Street is 65 feet. The speed limit for 33rd Street is 45 mph. Where the collision occurred there is a private drive on the south side of 33rd Street.

VEHICLE SUMMARY

Vehicle #1 -- A gray colored 2020 Ford Escape SUV. Oklahoma Tag# IQN399, vin# 1FMCU0H6XLUA32621.

Vehicle #2 -- a Blue colored 2010 Toyota Sienna Minivan. Oklahoma Tag# GT0235, vin# 5TDKK4CCXAS312387.

MEASUREMENTS

When I first investigated this collision, I did not expect it to turn into a fatality, therefore I had not measured the point of rests for the two vehicles. I did measure the Point of Impact and it was 251' 9" west of the west curblineline of Bristol Park Boulevard and 16' 1" south of the north curblineline of 33rd Street.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

I obtained the weather conditions for the day of the collision from the website Weather Underground. At the approximate time of the collision the weather report indicated the condition was "Mostly Cloudy" with no precipitation recorded. Winds were from the north northeast at 6 mph. The temperature was 72 degrees Fahrenheit. Nothing in the weather report indicates the weather contributed to the collision.

COLLISION EVENT CONCLUSION

The evidence gathered and studied concerning this collision indicates O-Schwarz was driving a 2020 Ford Escape eastbound on 33rd Street. O-Schwarz was in the inside lane of travel and then crossed into the middle turn lane and then into the westbound inside lane of 33rd Street. O-Romano was driving a 2010 Toyota Sienna westbound on 33rd Street in the inside lane. O-Romano began to slow down and come to a stop when O-Schwarz was crossing into her lane of travel. The vehicles collided head on. O-Schwarz did not remember the collision and made the statement that she must have "blacked out" when she was driving. O-Schwarz has a medical history of high blood pressure and is diabetic. When she was treated by medical personnel at the scene, her blood pressure was low and she was acting lethargic. O-Schwarz's medical records from her treatment at the hospital show that her blood pressure was low (hypotension) and she was suffering from a low heart rate (bradycardia). These conditions can cause a person to faint or have near-fainting spells. It also can cause dizziness or lightheadedness. O-Schwarz did comment to doctors that she often feels lightheadedness. O-Schwarz also fainted at the hospital when she was being treated after the collision. A toxicology report from the hospital did not show anything in her system that would affect her driving ability, such as medications or illegal drugs. One of the witnesses also advised me that he saw O-Schwarz driving and she appeared to be slumped over on the steering wheel prior to the collision. After the collision, I located O-Schwarz's phone inside her purse. With her being unconscious after the collision I do not believe she was on her phone at the time of the collision since her phone was in her purse. I believe O-Schwarz suffered from a medical episode that caused her to lose consciousness while she was driving and her vehicle went left of center.

NO CHARGES FILED--DA DECLINED

