

Woman thrown from car during wreck dies at scene from head injuries

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A Mitchell woman was fatally injured in a one-vehicle accident that happened early Wednesday evening, January 14, on Cutshall Road in Jennings Township.

Charlotte LeAnn Campbell, 38, was pronounced dead at the scene by Scott County Deputy Coroner Chris Fugate.

Campbell had been driving the 2000 BMW owned by her passenger, William "Billy" C. Graham, 52, Scottsburg. The couple had been headed west on Cutshall Rd. some time after 6 p.m. when, according to Graham, the car went off the north side of the road, hitting a mailbox.

The vehicle then began flipping end-to-end before rolling several times until it came to rest on the driver's side. During that time, Campbell was thrown out of the car. She apparently had not been wearing her seatbelt, according to the accident report prepared by Deputy Joe Guarneri.

Calls to 9-1-1 were made by several passers-by at 6:10 p.m. with Deputy Guarneri arriving five minutes later. He was assisted at the scene by Deputy Jac Sanders and Trooper Tracy Spencer of the Indiana State Police, Sellersburg post.

Graham, who had been using his seatbelt, remained in the car during the crash and suffered only minor facial bleeding. Campbell, however, was badly injured, the officer noting severe head damage.

Graham told Deputy Guarneri that Campbell had been reaching for her cell phone when she ran off the road. He said she then tried to correct her steering, but she overcorrected and then swerved again to avoid striking an on-coming vehicle head-on. The passenger said he was able to climb out of the wreckage and found her lying beside the upended car.

Other witnesses to the accident were in an eastbound car, according to the report.

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Property damage was estimated at up to \$10,000.

Staff of the Buchanan Funeral Home in Austin are in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.buchananfuneralhome.net.