

MCCLAIN, ROBBIN ANN
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News Story: A two-car collision claimed the life of one Wheatland resident and badly injured another Tuesday afternoon, June 6.

Robbin Anne McClain, 20, was killed when her vehicle, parked in the north-bound emergency lane, was struck from behind by Dr. Dean Schroeder, 70, Wheatland, in his Suburban.

McClain was traveling north on I-25, three miles south of Wheatland, with passengers, Britany Wright, 15 years old, Crystal Boling, 17 years old, and Austin McClain, the 18-month-old son of Boling, when the vehicle experienced car trouble and was moved off the interstate into the emergency lane.

Schroeder's Suburban, whose cruise-control was set at 70 m.p.h., crossed over the line into the emergency lane, and struck McClain's car from behind, causing it to roll several times.

Boling, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, with the car door open and feet on the pavement, was thrown from the vehicle, but held onto the door, and received minor shoulder injuries. She was kept over night at Platte County Memorial Hospital (PCMH) for observation and was released.

Wright was in the back seat with the child, and McClain was in the driver's seat.

The child, who was properly restrained in the back seat, was cut from his car seat. After it was determined he was in no way in danger, the child was transported to (PCMH) in a patrol car.

A Phoenix cutting tool was used to extricate McClain and Wright, who were then transported to PCMH by ambulance and then life-flighted to Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins. McClain was pronounced dead enroute, from massive internal injuries, and was returned to Wheatland.

Wright is in stable condition in Fort Collins, and has undergone pelvic surgery.

"They did everything right.", Wyoming Highway Patrolman, Justin Minard said. He added that all three girls were wearing seat belts before the car was stopped, and the vehicle was parked in the correct place.

Schroeder, whose vehicle also rolled, was transported to PCMH and then later released.

Minard said no skid marks were apparent, and Schroeder was issued a citation for failure to maintain a single lane of traffic. No drugs or alcohol were involved.