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Police chase ends in death of woman, arrest of man

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BELTON -- A woman died and three persons were injured last week following a high-speed chase involving a stolen vehicle.

The accident happened about 12:38 a.m., according to state Highway Patrol spokesperson Kathy Hiles.

Aaron Taylor, 24, of Belton is facing multiple felony charges including one count of driving under the influence with death and two counts of driving under the influence with great bodily injury. Taylor's address was given as Geer Street in Belton, but a charge on court records shows him living in Honea Path during July.

Killed in the accident was the frontseat passenger riding with Taylor - Sherry Carter Caldwell, 23, of Belton. She and Taylor were not wearing seat belts.

Another passenger in the car Taylor was driving, Mary Lee Vaughn,

Marty Lee Vaughn of 108 Vaughn Drive, a passenger in the back seat of the car Taylor was driving, was injured. The car was a 2005 Chevrolet, which was stolen, according to reports.

The driver of a 2006 Dodge pickup, Wayne Fraley Jr., 53, of Belton, was injured as well.

All three injured persons were transported to AnMed Health Medical Center.

According to the highway patrol, the Cavalier was heading into Belton on Hwy. 76 when it struck the pickup.

Fraley was making a right-hand turn into a private driveway at the time, when he was struck in the rear.

The Anderson County Sheriff's Office tried to stop the stolen vehicle in Anderson on East Shockley Ferry Road. But the Cavalier's driver fled and headed down Hwy. 76 to Belton.

After the accident, deputies found a cigarette pack containing a small amount of crack-cocaine in the car.

A check of court records show several incidents involving Taylor, including a recent ticket in Belton during July when he was charged with a traffic violation. Other charges on his record include simple possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of weapons and breaking into a motor vehicle.

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