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Local Minister Is Driver In Fatal Accident

A 19-year-old St. Louis girl was killed at 9:35 p.m. Thursday when she was struck by a car driven by a Sedalia minister on a service road to Interstate 70 three miles east of Kingdom City, the State Highway Patrol said.

The Patrol identified the driver of the car as the Rev. Orval Woolery, 53, 503 North Heard. Mr. Woolery is superintendent of missions for the Harmony Baptist Association, 108 East Fifth.

Pronounced dead at the scene was Sandra Elizabeth Lawd. She was taken to a funeral home in Fulton.

The Patrol said Miss Lawd and two other persons were sitting on the service road after experiencing car trouble when she was struck by a 1968 Chrysler driven by Mr. Woolery. The three reportedly were waiting for two other persons who had gone to obtain parts to fix their vehicle.

Mr. Woolery told The Democrat-Capital Friday he did not see the youths. He said the three were sitting on the road itself just below the crest of a hill.

Woolery said because he was driving adjacent to oncoming traffic on Interstate 70, he did not have his bright lights on at the time of the accident.

He said two of the three persons rolled out of the way of his oncoming car. No arrests were made.

Lawd

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Sandra Lawd