

# Smyth County woman killed in crash on Interstate 26

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JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — A passenger in a car that crashed early Saturday on Interstate 26 was killed when the vehicle struck a guardrail, police said.

Sherri Lee Polk, 36, of Chilhowie, Va., suffered fatal injuries in the crash that occurred just before 5 a.m. near mile marker 11.2 in Johnson City, a report from the Johnson City Police Department said.

The driver, Nathan G. Fullen, 18, of Fullen Lane, also of Chilhowie, was taken to Johnson City Medical Center for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Fullen's 2005 Pontiac Sunfire was westbound on I-26 when the car ran off the roadway and into the center median, the report said. The car hit metal cables and posts while in the median, turned sideways and then struck the leading edge of the guardrail in the passenger's side door.

Polk's body was taken to the Quillen College of Medicine for an autopsy. Charges are pending in the case, police reported.

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