

Marijuana pipe found in car of driver charged in crash that killed Ann Day

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A glass drug pipe was found in the car of the driver who was charged in the crash that killed former Pima County Supervisor Ann Day on Saturday, according to reports filed by the sheriff's department.

Deputies also found a bag of marijuana, according to sheriff's records in the case. The evidence report did not indicate where it was found.

Jarrad Barnes, 24, told Pima County Sheriff's Department investigators that he had smoked marijuana for about 20 minutes the night before the crash, according to reports obtained by the Star on Thursday.

Witnesses told detectives that Barnes was driving erratically at high rates of speed near North First Avenue and East River Road before the crash.

At about 8 a.m., Saturday, Day was driving a Toyota Prius east on East Ina Road near Westward Look Resort when Barnes, who was driving a Chevrolet Impala, crossed the median and struck Day's car. Day's car was then struck by a pickup truck from behind.

According to witnesses the Impala was seen "bouncing off of curbs" and traveling in excess of 80 mph, Sheriff Chris Nanos said earlier.

Barnes had red, bloodshot eyes, was pale and lethargic and had slurred and mumbled speech, according to documents. Barnes smiled while deputies questioned him at the scene, something one deputy found unusual.

"I found it very unusual that Mr. Barnes was smiling while answering questions, especially after he had just gone through a pretty traumatic event," the deputy wrote in his report.

Barnes was injured in the crash and taken to Banner-University Medical Center Tucson where investigators took several vials of his blood for testing.

Another deputy wrote in his report that in addition to finding the glass pipe "there was a slight odor of burnt marijuana emanating from the vehicle."

Barnes told investigators he was house-sitting for his aunt on the far east side and was traveling to Marana to his 4-year-old son's T-ball game before the crash.

Barnes was booked into the Pima County jail after he was released from the hospital Saturday evening. He is facing one count each of manslaughter and driving under the influence.