

Forsyth Man Charged in Wilkes Fatality

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Charges have been filed in Friday's fatal accident in Wilkesboro. 82-year old James Helvey Jr. has been charged with misdemeanor death by vehicle and exceeding a safe speed in the Friday crash that killed Donna Smith Johnson of Wilkesboro. The Winston-Salem man was travelling an estimated 56 miles per hour, according to the Wilkesboro Police reconstruction of the fatal scene. Speed limit in the stretch in front of Wal-Mart is 45 miles per hour. Helvey told police he took his eyes off the road for a moment and slammed into the car Ms. Smith and her husband were in, stopped at a turn lane.