

## Fatal Crash on I-5

**Douglas County, OR** - On Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 3:00 a.m., Oregon State Police responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian crash on Interstate 5, near milepost 99, in Douglas County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a pedestrian, Sally Kaye Bidlake (82) of Canyonville, was kneeling in the slow lane when she was struck by a northbound Toyota Sienna, operated by Miguel Santos (54) of San Mateo (CA). The pedestrian (Bidlake) was declared deceased at the scene. The operator (Santos) and passengers in the Toyota were not injured.

The highway was not impacted during the on-scene investigation. The cause of the crash is under investigation.

OSP was assisted by the Canyonville Fire Department and ODOT.

## Fatal Crash in Douglas County

**Douglas County, OR** - On Monday, March 18, 2024, at 10:37 a.m., Oregon State Police responded to a two-vehicle crash on Interstate 5, near milepost 124, in Douglas County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a northbound Subaru Outback, operated by Rodney Ash (76) of Seattle (WA), was passing a Freightliner commercial motor vehicle, operated by Kevin Mills (42) of Newberg, while negotiating a sharp curve. The Subaru contacted the left front corner of the Freightliner causing the Subaru to turn across the front of the CMV. The Subaru slid across the travel lanes, jumped over the concrete barrier, rolled down an embankment, and came to rest on its roof.

The operator of the Freightliner (Mills) was transported as a precautionary measure. The operator of the Subaru (Rodney Ash) was transported to an area hospital with unknown injuries. A passenger in the Subaru, Laura Patricia Ash (81) of Seattle (WA), was transported and later declared deceased at a local hospital. The highway was impacted for approximately two hours during the on-scene investigation.

OSP was assisted by the Roseburg Police Department, Roseburg Fire, and ODOT.

## I-5 Fatal Crash

**Douglas County, OR** - On Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:22 a.m., Oregon State Police responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian crash on Interstate 5, near milepost 127, in Douglas County.

The preliminary investigation indicated a Ford F-150, operated by Brian Surgeon (45) of Myrtle Creek, was merging onto southbound Interstate 5 when it struck a pedestrian, Christopher Zeutzius (47) of Lakeside, who was crossing the on-ramp. The pedestrian (Zeutzius) was declared deceased at the scene. The operator of the Ford (Surgeon) was not injured. The highway was impacted for approximately four hours during the on-scene investigation.

OSP was assisted by Roseburg Fire, Roseburg Police Department, and ODOT.

## Roseburg Man Stabbed

**Roseburg, OR** —According to the Roseburg Police Department (RPD), a 50-year-old Roseburg man was stabbed early in the morning, at around 6:00 a.m. on April 3, 2024. Police were called to the 900 block of NE Willow Street after receiving report that there had been a stabbing.

Officers arrived at the scene and found a 50-year-old man seriously injured from sustained stab wounds. Officers immediately began life-saving efforts before he was transported to Mercy Medical Center for treatment. According to officials, the Roseburg man was then later transferred out of the area to receive additional treatment for the injuries he sustained from the incident.

The suspect, identified only as a 20-year-old Roseburg man, fled the scene. Officials have not been able to locate the suspect despite efforts from multiple assisting agencies and a DCSO K9 track.

RPD states that the victim and suspect are known to each other and the suspect is still at large. Roseburg Police detectives, Douglas County Sheriff's Office detectives, DCSO deputies and Oregon State Police responded to assist and will continue to investigate the matter with assistance from the Douglas County District Attorney's Office. Officials say at this time there is no known ongoing threat to the general public.

## Stolen Goods Recovered

**Springfield, OR** — Springfield Police have arrested a 56-year-old man on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, after discovering that he had stolen more than \$2,000 worth of merchandise. SPD says, just before 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, a Springfield police officer responded to the Gateway Target after receiving report of a theft. The officer learned that 56-year-old Matthew Harway, of Eugene, had been at the store earlier that day and had left with over \$500 worth of electronics and appliances without paying.

The officer, who is a member of SPD's Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), recognized Harway from a previous retail theft operation. Another member from the Crime Reduction Unit worked with the responding officer and were able to locate Harway at a Eugene residence, where he was apprehended.

Officers say, upon entry into the Eugene home, they located a "substantial amount" of stolen goods from multiple retail locations in Eugene and Cottage Grove, estimated value of over \$2,000.

Harway admitted to the thefts and also had outstanding warrants from both Lane & Marion County and was taken into custody. Harway was charged with Theft II and then lodged at the Lane County Jail for his outstanding warrants. Officials were later able to return the stolen goods to the rightful businesses.

## Bank Robber Arrested

**Eugene, OR** —The Eugene Police Department (EPD) has reported that on Tuesday, April 2nd a man was arrested on Highway 58 for reportedly robbing a bank. According to EPD, shortly after 9 a.m., 41-year-old Daniel Wayne Hall entered Banner Bank on W. 6th Avenue and robbed the bank of cash using a handgun before fleeing

the bank in a vehicle. Eugene PD quickly responded with patrol units and drones. Police determined suspect information, including a vehicle and its direction, and aired that to area police agencies, which led to the arrest of the bank robbery suspect on Hwy 58.

Oregon State Police then stopped Hall, who was eastbound on Highway 58 at milepost 3 at 9:25 a.m. and took him into custody. "The Eugene Police Department would like to thank the quick response time of local agencies to help get an arrest in less than 20 minutes," the department stated in a press release on Wednesday April 3rd. The investigation is ongoing. Hall was lodged on the following charges: Two counts of Robbery in the First Degree, Coercion, Menacing and Unlawful Use Weapon.

## Man Attacks Hospital Staff

**Roseburg, OR** – The Roseburg Police Department reports that a 30-year-old Sutherland man was arrested on the evening of Thursday, March 21st, after he allegedly attacked four Mercy Medical Center staff members.

RPD officers responded to the hospital at about 9:18 p.m. on March 21 after it was reported that a suspect, identified as Jordan Alexander Vogel, had attacked some hospital staff. During the attack, Vogel allegedly damaged a garage-like, roll-down door used during mental hold incidents and allegedly spat upon and punched several staff members, police said. Hospital staff reported to an officer that Vogel became uncooperative when they asked him to change into hospital clothing, according to the probable cause affidavit. The police report said that Vogel allegedly shoved the hospital worker into the roll-down door, tried to bite him, and punched the worker multiple times in the back of the head. Another staff member told police that Vogel spat in her eye and punched a third worker as Vogel fought during the struggle and a fourth staff member reported having a severe headache after Vogel allegedly punched her, the affidavit said. The police report said that Vogel refused to discuss the incident with a police officer without a lawyer present. Authorities said that Vogel was arrested and transported to the Douglas County Jail where he faces charges of first-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault, and harassment. Vogel's parole officer also requested that Vogel be charged with a parole violation, Roseburg police said.

## CA Man Rescued by SAR Using GPS to Avoid Travel Delays



**Azalea, OR** - On March 2, 2024, shortly after midnight, Douglas County 9-1-1 received a text-to-911 from an individual stating he had gotten stuck in snow after following his GPS and was in need of assistance.

Deputies learned 34-year-old Juan Carlos Torres-Esquivel of Santa Rosa, California had purchased a 1996 Ford F150 in Corvallis and was enroute to his residence in Santa Rosa when he encountered weather related delays on I-5. Google maps recommended a detour which he selected that instructed him to take exit 88, drive east on Upper Cow Creek for approximately 13 miles, and turn south onto Snow Creek Rd.

Torres-Esquivel made it approximately 5 miles up Snow Creek Road before sliding the passenger side of the vehicle into a deep ditch and getting the vehicle stuck in approximately 24" of snow. He was unprepared for the conditions and was unsuccessful in attempting to dig the vehicle out without a shovel.

Douglas County Search and Rescue was activated and responded to assist. SAR responded and was unable to make it to his location with the Snowcat due to a U-Haul truck being abandoned approximately 2 or 3 miles up Snow Creek Rd in the middle of the roadway. Members of the 4x4 team were able to maneuver around the U-Haul after airing down their tires and retrieved Torres-Esquivel.

Deputies provided Torres-Esquivel a courtesy ride to Seven Feathers.

The Sheriff's Office would like to remind drivers of the dangers of blindly following GPS devices.

"GPS devices are often set to direct drivers through the fastest route to their destination. Oftentimes, this means direction through non-maintained road systems, including forest roads," Lt. Brad O'Dell said. "Blindly following GPS navigation can potentially lead to dangerous situations and have serious consequences. Although travel delays can be disruptive, it is best to remain on routes that are maintained."

## Fatal Traffic Crash Claims Life of Riddle Teen

**Myrtle Creek, OR** - A Riddle teenager died in a single vehicle crash.

On March 1, 2024, at approximately 10:30 pm, 9-1-1 dispatchers received a report of a single vehicle crash with injuries in the 15000-block of North Myrtle Road in Myrtle Creek.

Deputies arrived on scene to find a 2006 Mazda sedan which had been traveling westbound at a high rate of speed in poor weather conditions. The driver, 17-year-old Brooke Leeann Dubuc of Myrtle Creek, lost control of the vehicle which rolled several times before striking a tree. A passenger, 17-year-old Jonathan Wylie Rosenstiel of Riddle, was ejected from the vehicle and trapped under the car when it came to rest. Rosenstiel was pronounced deceased at the scene by EMS. A second passenger, 19-year-old Canyonville resident Avorie Dunsmore, was able to self-extricate from the vehicle. Both Dubuc and Dunsmore were transported to Mercy Medical Center by Ambulance.

The investigation is ongoing at this time. Anyone with information related to the actions of the individuals involved prior to the crash is asked to contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at (541) 440-4471 referencing case #24-1140.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Myrtle Creek Police Department, Douglas County District Attorney's Office, Umpqua Valley Ambulance, Myrtle Creek Fire Department and Joe's Towing.

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