

Tragedy at Multnomah Falls

Father dies after falling from cliff while hiking near waterfall

(AP) — Authorities say a father died over the weekend when he fell roughly 200 feet (61 meters) while hiking with his wife and five children in Oregon.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office on Monday identified the man as 41-year-old Gerardo Hernandez-Rodriguez of Beaverton, Oregon.

Hernandez-Rodriguez was hiking with his family on a popular trail near Multnomah Falls, the state's tallest waterfall, on Saturday, the sheriff's office said. He stumbled and fell from a switchback not far from the falls and the scenic



Authorities respond after a hiker died near Multnomah Falls. Photo courtesy :CORBETT FIRE

Benson Bridge, roughly 30 miles (48.28 kilometers) east of Portland.

Sheriff's deputies and a U.S. Forest Service ranger began to search the area, asking a nearby police department for a drone

to help search the steep and largely inaccessible terrain.

A sheriff's deputy found Hernandez-Rodriguez at the base of a cliff near a highway, directly below the trail where he slipped. He did not survive

the fall, the sheriff's office said, and officials believe alcohol impairment was a contributing factor in the fall.

More than 2 million people go to Multnomah Falls each year, according to the U.S.

Forest Service. The sheriff's office said hikers in the Columbia River Gorge should have appropriate footwear and equipment, watch where they step and keep children within reach.

PCC Earns Grant for Basic Needs Services

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According to a 2020 Real College Survey conducted by the Hope Center at Temple University, 64% of PCC students say they experience some sort of basic needs insecurity and 41% reported that they had experienced food insecurity in the previous 30 days.

Due to feedback from students, PCC has built a foundation of resources and services to address its students' basic needs. Students can visit the college's basic needs webpage and get support navigating resources, a map of assistance programs in their area, and calculate their eligibility for financial help and resources.

This ties into the overall student support offerings that college has established

like food pantries, scholarships and financial aid, counseling, housing, legal services and transportation solutions. PCC is also moving toward partnering with community organizations to establish affordable housing units. The PCC Portland Metro Workforce Training Center redevelopment in NE Portland will have 84 units available to qualifying students and President Dr. Adrien Bennings recently helped PCC partners open a 72-unit complex near the Southeast Campus.

"This partnership has created an opportunity for our students to have access to affordable housing," said Dr. Bennings. "When you see the situation across our state, this is going to go a long way in creating some resolution so that basic needs can be met."



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