

Multiple agencies help in serious rollover on Highway 26

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A log truck that rolled over after a crash on Highway 26 Thursday, Aug. 18, caused serious injuries and closed the highway for several hours.

Hamlet Fire was called to assist Elsie-Vinemapple fire with the incident in front of Baker's General Store. Units from Banks and Seaside fire departments were called in to assist as well.

The investigation found that a loaded log truck, operated by John Thomas Budge, 55, of Vernonia, was traveling westbound on Highway 26, just passing the Elderberry Inn Restaurant, when it struck the rear of a 2003 Ford F550 tow truck, operated by Fred Baltin Miller, 72, of Seaside.

The log truck traveled off the roadway, struck an embankment, overturned and lost the load of logs across the roadway.

At the time of the crash, several Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division

Troopers had just arrived at the Elderberry Inn Restaurant for a scheduled meeting and quickly took control of the scene, supplying first aid to the injured operator of the log truck. The troopers utilized their patrol vehicles to stabilize the truck and trailer until fire personnel arrived, as well as assisted Hamlet Fire & Rescue in extricating Budge, who was trapped.

Budge was transported to Oregon Health & Science University by Life Flight with serious injuries. Miller, sustained minor injuries and went to a local hospital. The investigation continues.

Highway 26 was closed for 4.5 hours for the investigation.

"When we arrived, there were logs on the highway, on the shoulder — a little of everywhere," Seaside Fire Chief Joey Daniels said. "We helped picking stuff up, helped with traffic control after they shut down the highway."



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Crews respond to a log truck rollover in Elsie.

SEASIDE POLICE LOG

Aug. 14

1:44 a.m., 2000 block Evergreen: Caller reports fireworks in area. Officers on priority call. Caller later reported there were no more fireworks.

2:33 a.m., Avenue A: Caller reports someone driving past the barrier on the beach access road. Officers contact subject who says they are waiting to pick someone up on the beach. Police advised this is a no parking zone; subject moved on.

12:46 p.m., Police Station: A person came in to register as a sex offender.

6:57 p.m., Forest Drive: Medical emergency response was dispatched to a residence. No further information was supplied.

Aug. 16

2:43 p.m., 10th Avenue: Caller reports a person lying down in the street. Subject was gone on police arrival.

2:49 p.m., Downtown: A missing person was reported. The person

was soon after reported found.

5:34 p.m., 1300 block Avenue A: A disoriented woman located by police was given a courtesy ride back to her husband.

6:30 p.m., 700 block S. Edgewood: A caller notifies police about a suspicious cooler. Upon police investigation, it turned out to just be a cooler.

Aug. 17

9:45 a.m., 800 block N. Lincoln: Caller requests welfare check on a female who had not been seen or heard from in two days. Officers responding discovered the woman was OK and that her cell phone was not working.

9:55 a.m., N. Holladay: Officers respond to a call regarding a female wandering about who did not know who she was, or where she was. She is a cared for at home dementia patient who had wandered out of her room. The family was notified of her whereabouts.

12:41 p.m., 1100 block Broadway: Report of kids throwing

scooters into the bushes by the library. Officers contact the kids who say they own the scooters and were just trying to hide them so they wouldn't be stolen while they were in the library.

4:00 p.m., First Avenue Bridge: Police respond to a report of teens overheard concocting a plan to jump off the bridge. Police responding say the kids did not jump and left the area as pedestrians.

Aug. 18

1:23 p.m., 400 block N. Prom: A motor vehicle hit and run accident is reported. No injuries were involved.

2 p.m., Tillamook Head: Police receive a call regarding a UFO flying over Tillamook Head; caller reports her neighbor also saw it and not just her. Officer checking the area was unable to locate anything except for a vapor trail, possibly from an aircraft.

11:15 p.m., 2000 block Ocean

Vista: Caller reports a suspicious person sleeping in a yard. Police are unable to locate described subject.

Aug. 19

10:27 a.m., Roosevelt and Les Schwab: Traffic is tied up due to a truck broken down in the roadway; police talk to one of the vehicle's occupants who says the men are getting a new battery. She is advised the truck must be moved as soon as possible.

10:43 a.m., First Street and the Beach: Caller requests a welfare check regarding a woman passed out in her car; the woman tells police she is not sleeping, but waiting for a friend who is about to be released from jail.

11:07 a.m., 1200 block and S. Downing: A caller pretending to have warrants that could be lifted if a payment is made contacts a Seaside resident. Police ascertain the number is one to be known with fraudulent

calls. The recipient of the calls is advised about a newsletter regarding phone fraud published by the district attorney's office.

12:49 p.m., 800 block First Avenue: Police advise couple it is a civil matter after a husband tells police his wife is not permitted to take his boat out because it is his boat, not hers.

Aug. 20

7:56 a.m., 1000 block S. Columbia: Caller is given options how to dispose of a dead cat.

7:36 p.m., Semaphore 3: Subject reports male subject possibly gratifying himself. After searching the area, police are unable to locate.

Aug. 21

11:58 a.m., 1300 block Halbig Lane: Report of a male using a private phone number to ask creepy questions.

12:27 p.m., 400 block S. Downing: An individual was arrested for heroin possession. No further details were given.

6:42 p.m., 1000 block S. Roosevelt: A person came to the police station seeking a stalking protective order from an ended relationship. Suspect persists in sending flowers and emails to the subject's place of business. Police advise her of her options and entered the emails into a case file.

Aug. 22

1:25 a.m., 1800 block S. Franklin: Caller reports a trailer blocking the bicycle pump track at Cartwright Park; on arrival police determine the trailer belongs to a crew setting up on the beach for Hood To Coast. The responsible party was contacted and advised to move the trailer.

1:25 a.m., 14th and Holladay: A motor vehicle hit and run accident was reported.

5:11 a.m., S. Roosevelt: Caller reports a shoplifter; subject had a receipt for items purchase, report was unfounded.




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