

3-year-old injured after struck by side of car

Seaside Signal

A 3-year-old child is expected to fully recover after being hit by a car Sunday afternoon in south Seaside.

According to police, the child ran into traffic from a nearby home and was struck by the side of a car driving southbound near 1575 South Roosevelt Dr.

The child had already been taken to the hospital by family members

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prior to police arrival. Seaside officers investigated the crash scene and also responded to Providence Seaside Hospital.

The driver told police that the child darted into the roadway and there was no time to react. The driver

said the child struck the passenger side of the vehicle, including the mirror assembly.

An eyewitness said they did not believe the child was run over by the vehicle but deflected away upon impact.

The child sustained serious injuries and was later transported by helicopter to a Portland area hospital.

Seaside police learned this afternoon that the child is expected to make a full recovery.

Projectiles: Multiple incidents cause concern

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“My husband was shot multiple times in the back, and I was shot in the back of the head; luckily, my son was physically unharmed. This was an absolutely terrifying situation for our family.”

The ammunition was hard enough to cause severe injury if it came in contact with bare skin, eyes, or other vulnerable areas on the body, she said. The male passenger appeared to be late teens or possibly early 20s, she said.

Hayly Behnke was protected from injury by her thick hair and Nathan Behnke by his coat, she said. “We believe it was a hard plastic-type pellet, not metal,” she said last week. “My husband found a remnant on the back of his shirt and it was a blue plastic material.”

They believe that it was a random act, as neither of them recognized the vehicle or any of the people they could see inside. “My theory is that because we were a small group alone on the street corner away from the crowds closer to downtown we were an easy target with no other witnesses around the immediate vicinity,” Hayly Behnke said.

Once it was discovered they were uninjured, they immediately contacted 911 to report the incident.

They met with Seaside police the next day, she said.

Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham said over the past weeks he had been briefed on several reports of vehicles driving by and shooting BB-style projectiles toward cars or people.

He said there have been “four or five similar incidents,” including the Behnkes.

“This is obviously a safety concern for those being in the area where the projectiles are being shot,” Ham said.

On April 3, police received a report of three youths shooting toy guns as they drove by, Ham said. Officers located the suspect vehicle and found the

youths in possession of SplatRBall toy guns. The mother of one of the youths was contacted and advised of the activity and the other youths warned for disorderly conduct.

On April 13, a person reported being struck by a projectile from a vehicle driving by. Police later contacted a man and a youth in possession of a SplatRBall toy gun. The adult was cited for disorderly conduct and the youth is being referred to the juvenile department for disorderly conduct charges, Ham said.

The toy gun use is referred to as playing “SplatRball” or splatter ball.

SplatRball is a toy airsoft type of BB gun, sometimes called a “gel blaster,” that shoots gel bead projectiles in a short time. “The BB’s are small, but soaked in water they increase in size,” Ham said. “My understanding is that the projectiles are nontoxic and do not leave residue marks and dissolve in a short time, compared to using plastic BB’s that don’t dissolve.”

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Although some slight pain can result from being shot somewhere on the body, it could result in a more serious injury if someone was to be hit in the eye, he added.

“Those who participate in shooting these types of projectiles can face criminal charges for disorderly conduct and harassment, possibly assault if an injury is sustained.”

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



May 13
9:03 a.m., U.S. Highway 101/Fun Park area: Caller reports two males shooting at a coyote from the highway. On arrival, police found no one fitting the description.
9:05 a.m., North Prom: Caller requests officer regarding an unknown situation in a hotel room; on arrival the room occupants tell police they are upset because the hotel won’t allow them to stay free for two weeks.
11:18 a.m., North Prom: Police return to the same hotel after management tells police the same occupants contacted earlier are refusing to leave.
1:37 p.m., 10th and Necanicum: Caller reports her wallet stolen.
3:02 p.m., 900 block Avenue M: Sex crimes are reported.
7:32 p.m., 2000 block Spruce Drive: Fire investigation.
7:35 p.m., 400 block Avenue S: Police assist someone stuck in a port-a-potty; that person is transported to the hospital by Medix.
May 14
1:51 p.m., Police headquarters: A found wallet is turned into the police.
4:02 p.m., 1100 block S. Wahanna: Caller reports transient camp in the area but police are unable to locate any camp.
5:36 p.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports subject “huffing” from a stolen can of whipped cream. Police are unable to locate.
5:41 p.m., Community Gardens: Water is reported stolen.
8:34 p.m., 600 block 15th Avenue: Structure fire.
9:49 p.m., Mill Ponds: A disturbance is reported. Police responding did not hear any noise or anyone causing a disturbance at this time.
May 15
8:19 a.m., Beach: Fire investigation.
12:07 p.m., Retreat apartments: A vehicle is reported going over the embankment.
2:44 p.m., 300 block Broadway: EMS call.
5:21 p.m., 800 block Broadway: EMS call.
5:50 p.m., Ocean Way: EMS call; Medix on scene.
May 16
1:20 a.m., 500 block S. Roosevelt: Subjects are trespassed from a location.
3:17 a.m., 900 block S. Holladay: Subjects are trespassed from a business.
3:48 a.m., 10th and Necanicum: Parking complaint.

8:20 a.m., Police headquarters: A person came in for their annual sex offender registration.
1:22 p.m., 500 block S. Roosevelt: A disturbance is reported.
1:34 p.m., 1300 block N. Holladay: A disturbance is reported.
2:42 p.m., Broadway and Wahanna: A visibly intoxicated person reported walking in the road is given a courtesy ride to their hotel.
3:50 p.m., 500 block S. Roosevelt: Caller reports subject who ran into a store and stole a backpack.
5:27 p.m., 10th and Necanicum: A subject is arrested on a warrant.
6:59 p.m., Broadway Park: Juveniles are reported physically fighting.
May 17
3:39 a.m., Broadway and Columbia: Police respond to a reported physical disturbance.
11:33 a.m., 10th and Necanicum: Property crimes are reported.
12:29 p.m., 10th and Necanicum: Caller reports vehicle leaking anti-freeze; officers checking advise it’s just a puddle with algae growing on it.
12:58 p.m., North Prom: A person is arrested on a warrant.
9:57 p.m., 400 block S. Holladay: Police respond to a person asking for help.
May 18
1:54 a.m., 10th and Necanicum: Suspicious circumstances are reported.
8:07 a.m., 300 block Ninth Avenue: EMS call.
3:00 p.m., First and Roosevelt: Caller reports their car was illegally entered and a phone was stolen.
4:29 p.m., Avenue G Bridge: Caller reports man in the roadway; police make contact and advise him to get out of the street.
4:37 p.m., 400 block S. Prom: Caller reports a woman “on the nod” in her car parked in a lot. The woman denied the allegations and is told she’s been trespassed.
6:35 p.m., 10th and Necanicum: Police respond to a reported verbal disturbance.
8:27 p.m., 300 block Alpine: Police respond to a verbal disturbance reported.
9:23 p.m., Avenue D transient camp: Civil issue.
May 19
12:02 a.m., 12th and Necanicum: A person is cited for parking during prohibited hours.
3:30 a.m., Convention parking: A person is cited for parking during prohibited hours.
9:04 a.m., Broadway Park: A dog at large is collected by

Seaside police.
1:10 p.m., Police headquarters: A person came in to register as a sex offender.
5:46 p.m., Forest Drive: EMS call.
9:35 p.m., U.S. Highway 101/North Junction: Fire investigation.
OREGON STATE POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY LOG
Verbal dispute
Troopers went to the Dellmoor Loop May 2 at 9:51 p.m. for a verbal argument between two parties parked in a car on U.S. Highway 101 at milepost 15. The car was located and a Clatsop County deputy located a female walking down the highway not far from Westlake Lane. She was given a courtesy ride to a hotel. The driver of the vehicle, a 28-year-old man who initiated the call, was given a courtesy ride to the same hotel.
Woman arrested
Nichole Marie Knutinen, 33, was arrested May 4 at 7:34 p.m. on U.S. Highway 101 and milepost 20 on a warrant issued by the Clatsop County Circuit Court. Her car was towed and she was taken to the county jail and lodged. She was given traffic violation citations before being turned over to jail staff.
Citations issued
A man reported for his bad driving May 5 at 9:10 on U.S. Highway 26 at milepost 1.5 westbound was located by troopers; a traffic stop was initiated. After producing proof of his identity and asked to perform various field sobriety tests, it was learned the driver, Mykal Rees Davies, 31, is an out-of-compliance sex offender. Troopers arrested him on scene and transported him to the county jail where he refused to sample of blood or breath. A blood warrant was obtained and served to Rees Davies who ultimately provided two samples. He was issued several criminal citations for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving as well as failure to annually report and failure to report a change of residence before being turned over to jail staff. His black Ford Mustang was towed by Triangle Towing.
Slippery roads
A two-car crash with injuries reported happened on U.S. Highway 26 at milepost 14 May 8 at 2:50 p.m. One driver lost control after hitting a patch of ice and snow while negotiating a curve, causing them to cross over into incoming traffic to have a head-on collision with another car. A 40-year-old woman from Aloha; with her, a 12-year-old girl; and a 45-year-old Portland woman, were transported by Medix to

Providence Seaside Hospital for injuries. ODOT, Seaside and Hamlet fire departments were on scene. Both cars were towed by Classic Towing.

Stolen items
A car was broken into and items stolen May 9 at 7:56 p.m. at Del Rey Beach Park in the parking area. The caller, a 22-year-old woman, said the window of her Kia Forte was broken and her wallet, purse and jacket were stolen. She said the stolen items were valued at around \$500. A report was made.

Two-car crash
A two-car crash with injuries was reported May 10 at 10:46 a.m., on U.S. Highway 101 near milepost 26. One car crossed over the fog line onto the northbound shoulder where it collided head-on with another car. The second car was found stopped on the northbound shoulder facing southbound. The driver of the second car was outside the vehicle; a passenger sustained injuries as a result of the collision. Seaside police and fire departments were on scene. Both cars were towed by Gary’s Tow. The driver of the first car was cited for not having a license or insurance.



April 1
8:19 a.m., medical assist, assist EMS crew, Blue Heron, Warrenton.
8:44 a.m., medical assist, assist EMS crew, Pacific Way.
April 2
12:56 p.m., gas leak, natural gas or liquid propane, North Ocean.
9:05 p.m., motor vehicle accident with injuries, U.S. Highway 101 and Gronmark, Warrenton.
10:09 p.m., medical assist, assist EMS crew, Pine Ridge.

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