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Case #14-518132

Bicyclist Dies after Collision with Semi Truck

November 20, 2014—Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash where a semi truck and a bicyclist collided. The bicyclist did not survive his injuries.

On November 20, 2014, at 11:45 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were called to NW Cornell Road at NW Barnes Road in the community of Cedar Mill concerning a traffic crash.

Sheriff's Deputies arrived and found a 2014 Kenworth FedEx truck was driving eastbound on NW Cornell Road then turned south onto NW Barnes Road at a traffic light. Deputies determined that a man on a recumbent bicycle was also traveling eastbound on NW Cornell Road. The investigation revealed that the truck turned into the path of the bicyclist causing them to collide.

Sheriff's Deputies found that Kirke Johnson, 70, from Portland was the bicyclist. He did not survive the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The FedEx driver was identified as Delmar Suiter, 60, from Gresham. Mr. Suiter remained at the crash scene and cooperated with investigators.

The Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team responded to assist with diagrams and processing evidence. The intersection was closed for about three hours.

Investigators determined that inattentiveness was likely a contributing factor in this crash. Citations are possible after the investigation is completed.