



PRESS RELEASE

Case #13-507621

CRASH LEAVES TWO DEAD, ONE INJURED

May 26, 2013 -- Today two people lost their lives in a "T-bone" crash in rural Washington County. A man and a woman were killed when their car ran a stop sign and was struck by a vehicle traveling north on Highway 219, south of Hillsboro.

On Sunday, May 26, 2013, at about 3:24 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of SW Hillsboro Highway (State Highway 219) and SW Simpson Road in unincorporated Washington County.

Deputies and fire personnel found one man deceased in a 1997 Saturn two-door. He was identified as Robby Lee Welch, 29, of Beaverton. The driver of the Saturn, Tasha Marie Ann Smith, 24, of Portland was transported to a local trauma center. She died while receiving medical care for her injuries. The second vehicle involved was a 1989 Dodge Dakota pick up driven by Jerry Lee Hinds, 62, of Hillsboro. Mr. Hinds was transported to Tuality Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.



The Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team (CART) responded to investigate the crash. Witnesses indicated seeing Ms. Smith driving east bound on SW Simpson Road approaching SW Hillsboro Highway. She ran the stop sign and was proceeding across SW Hillsboro Highway when her vehicle was struck on the passenger side by Mr. Hinds' pickup traveling north on Hillsboro Highway.

Information received from friends and relatives is that Mr. Welch and Ms. Smith were returning from a day of fishing when the crash occurred. There is no indication of alcohol involved in this crash. Mr. Hinds does not face any criminal charges or citations in this case.