



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## PRESS RELEASE

Case #50-151140128

### Driver Dies After Off Road Crash

April 24, 2015--Early this morning, a man driving south on SW Midway Road failed to negotiate a turn and crashed his car. He was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene.

On Friday, April 24, 2015, at 3:13 a.m., Sheriff's Deputies were called to the scene of a single vehicle crash at the intersection of SW Midway Road and SW Vanderschuere Road in unincorporated Washington County. A local resident heard and reported the crash.



When Deputies arrived they found a vehicle in a pasture on the south side of the intersection. The driver, Matthew Wuerpel, 21, of Newberg, was deceased at the scene. Mr. Wuerpel was driving south on SW Midway Road which ends at SW Vanderschuere Road. Mr. Wuerpel missed turning onto SW Vanderschuere Rd and drove through the stop sign, into a field, hitting a tree along the way.

Deputies reported that Mr. Wuerpel was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the 1988 Chevy Sprint as it rolled.

Investigators from the Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team (CART) will conduct the investigation into the crash.