

PRESS RELEASE

Case# 13-513739

DUII Driver Causes Head-On Crash, Injures Two

September 17, 2013 -- Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to an injury crash involving two vehicles on SW Tonquin Road near Sherwood. Upon arrival, deputies located a Ford pick up and a Subaru that had crashed head on. Through the investigation, deputies developed probable cause to arrest the driver of the Ford. Tonquin Road was closed during the investigation.

On Monday night, at 7:53 p.m., deputies responded to an injury crash on Tonquin Road. When deputies arrived, they located a 2005 Ford F350 resting on its passenger side. In the opposite lane of travel was a 2005 Subaru Legacy with significant front end damage. The driver of the Ford, James Wygant, 46, of Sherwood sustained injuries from the crash and was transport to OHSU hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the Subaru, 22-year-old Zach Greene of Cleveland, Tennessee and his passenger Joel Leahy of Arlington, Tennessee sustained non-life threatening injuries and were not transported to the hospital.



As the investigation continued, deputies had reason to believe Mr. Wygant was driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII). It was determined Mr. Wygant's blood alcohol content (BAC) was substantially higher than the legal limit of .08. Deputies also believed he was driving his 2005 Ford F350 on the wrong side of the road.

James Wygant was cited for DUII, and Assault IV, for the injuries sustained by Zach Greene and Joel Leahy.

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