

DUI Driver Snaps Power Pole in Half

Case# 13-513564

September 13, 2013 -- Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single vehicle crash on Tonquin Road near Sherwood. Upon arrival, deputies located a BMW that had left the road and crashed into a power pole, snapping it in half. Through the investigation, deputies developed probable cause to arrest the driver. Tonquin Road was closed for several hours.

On Friday morning at 11:11 a.m., deputies responded to an injury crash on Tonquin Road. When deputies arrived, EMS was already on scene. They told deputies the driver 49-year-old Gail Feldman of Wilsonville did not have life threatening injuries. EMS also said she was acting abnormally. Ms. Feldman was transported to OHSU by ambulance.

As the investigation continued, deputies had reason to believe Ms. Feldman was intoxicated. It was determined Ms. Feldman's blood alcohol content (BAC) was substantially higher than the legal limit of .08. Deputies also believe she was driving her 2003 BMW SUV recklessly prior to the crash.



As a result of the crash, there was also a live power pole down on the road. PGE responded to the scene and it took several hours to replace the pole. Traffic was affected for close to 5 hours.

Gail Feldman was cited for DUI, Reckless Driving and Criminal Mischief.