



## **UPDATE--Man Killed on Railroad Tracks Identified**

April 9, 2014—The man that was killed on the train tracks has been identified as James Yelton, 42, from Tigard. It was reported that he left his house and went for a walk about 8:00 p.m. the evening of April 7, 2014. It is not known why Mr. Yelton was on the railroad tracks. This case is still under investigation.

Original release below:

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Case #14-505188

## **Deputies Responded to Man Killed by Train**

April 8, 2014—Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash where a train struck and killed a man who was on the railroad tracks.

On April 7, 2014, at 11:38 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were called to a secluded area, close to SW Tonquin Loop concerning a train crash. This is north of the community of Sherwood.

Sheriff's Deputies discovered there was an unidentified man laying on the train tracks in the path of a northbound Portland and Western (P&W) Railroad train. The tracks were on a raised dike over a wetlands area. The train engineer saw the man about 150 feet prior to striking him. The train was reportedly traveling 30 mph and blew the air horn with no response from the man. Due to the train's heavy weight, it traveled 800 additional feet after striking the man before coming to a full stop.

The man did not survive and he was pronounced deceased at the scene. The man did not have any identification, and investigators are attempting to identify the man using fingerprint analysis. He is described as a white male about 40 years old with a medium build and brown colored hair.

The Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team (CART) responded to the scene along with P&W investigators to assist in the investigation. The railroad track was closed until about 3:30 a.m. to gather evidence and document the scene.