
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: 11-7013

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 09/21/11 – 6:05 pm

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NATURE OF STORY: Fatal Traffic Crash

LOCATION: Row River Road at MP 4, southeast of Cottage Grove

VICTIM: Name withheld, pending notification of next of kin

INVOLVED: Victor B. Pearson, 47, of Cottage Grove

DETAILS:

On September 21, 2011, at approximately 6:05 P.M., Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a traffic crash at MP 4 on Row River Road. First reports indicated that a vehicle had struck a bicyclist.

Preliminary investigation by Sheriff's Office crash reconstruction experts suggests that an older model pickup truck being driven by 47 year old Victor Pearson of Cottage Grove was westbound on Row River Road, when his vehicle struck a bicyclist. The bicyclist had been traveling along an improved bicycle trail, approaching the point where the trail crosses Row River Road (at MP 4).

Initial information suggests the bicyclist crossed Row River Road, in the path of the oncoming pickup. The bicyclist was pronounced dead at the scene by first responding rescue personnel. While the Sheriff's Office has been able to identify the victim, next of kin have not yet been notified.

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