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PRESS RELEASE

Crash Leaves Two Cousins Seriously Injured

December 28, 2013—Sheriff's Deputies responded to a T-bone crash that sent two people to the hospital. They both have serious injuries. The driver of the other vehicle was not injured.

On December 27, 2013, at 6:01 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a two vehicle crash on SW Tonquin Road close to SW Morgan Road in the community of Sherwood. It was reported that a vehicle was struck in the side by another vehicle and there were substantial injuries.



When deputies arrived, they found a 1989 Honda Civic was eastbound on SW Tonquin Road and failed to negotiate a sweeping left curve in the roadway. The Civic lost traction and slid sideways into the path of a 1999 Dodge Durango travelling westbound on SW Tonquin Road. There was significant damage to the passenger side of the Civic as well as front damage to the Durango (Photo attached).

Deputies learned the Civic was driven by Morgan McFarland 25, with her cousin, Leah McFarland, 17, as the passenger. They are both reported to be from the Seattle area. They were returning to Seattle after visiting a relative in Sherwood. Both were critically injured and transported to local hospitals by ground ambulance. Morgan's current condition is reported as "Critical"; Leah's current condition is unknown.

The Durango was driven by Jorge Fausto-Gutierrez, 33, from Forest Grove. He was not injured in the crash.

Deputies believed that speed was a factor in this crash. Members of the Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team are assisting with the investigation. The road was closed about seven hours for the investigation.