



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Hillsboro Man Charged with Manslaughter Following October Crash That Kills Passenger

November 20, 2016 – A Hillsboro man has been charged with manslaughter following a crash in late October that killed one passenger and injured three others near Banks.



On October 19, 2016, at 1:53 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were called to Northwest Cedar Canyon Road in the community of Banks, concerning a single vehicle traffic crash.

Sheriff's Deputies arrived and found a 2000 Toyota Avalon on its side in the roadway, heavily damaged. Deputies learned the vehicle, driven by 18-year-

old Jake Pruett of Hillsboro, had been occupied by four passengers, one of whom was 31-year-old Colin Fleming of Banks. Fleming was transported to the hospital via Life Flight.

Deputies learned the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed when Mr. Pruett failed to negotiate a corner and subsequently rolled the vehicle multiple times. Witnesses reported that Mr. Fleming had been standing up through the open sunroof when the crash occurred.

Members from the Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team (CART) responded to the crash and assisted in gathering evidence and documenting the scene.

On October 29, 2016, Mr. Fleming died at the hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.



On November 17, 2016, a Washington County Grand Jury indicted Mr. Pruett for the following charges:

- Manslaughter in the Second Degree
- Assault in the Fourth Degree (three counts)
- Reckless Endangering (three counts)
- Reckless Driving

On November 19, 2016, Mr. Pruett was booked in to the Washington County Jail on the charges listed above (photo inset). His bail has been set at \$257,500.

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