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PRESS RELEASE

Hillsboro Man Dies after Crashing Into Tree

On Wednesday, November 25, 2015 - Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single vehicle crash west of Hillsboro on SW 331st Avenue. Upon arrival, they found a single vehicle had crashed into a tree. There was one male occupant who did not survive his injuries.

On Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 2:53 p.m. Deputies responded to a report of a crash at the intersection of SW 331st Avenue and SW Bridges Street in unincorporated Washington County. Witnesses reported that a single vehicle traveling south on 331st Avenue had crashed into a tree and the driver had serious injuries. When deputies arrived, they found James Duffee, age 77, of Hillsboro in the driver's seat. He was critically injured after striking the tree in his 2007 Ford F250 and did not survive his injuries.

Both roads were closed for several hours as result of the fatal crash. At this time, deputies have not determined why Mr. Duffee failed to negotiate the intersection. This investigation is ongoing and no further information is available at this time.

Mr. Duffee's next of kin has been notified.