



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Case #14-518769

UPDATE: December 4, 2014—Sheriff's Deputies arrested a man who is accused of driving the Mazda that struck and seriously injured Mr. Weise.



Sheriff's Deputies received a tip from an anonymous citizen that led investigators to contact Joe Louis Davis, 42, from Beaverton as a possible suspect in the hit and run crash on December 2, 2014. The citizen told deputies that they saw the information the media was reporting about the crash and the suspect vehicle. The citizen knew Mr. Davis drove a similar Mazda and had left a job site a couple miles away minutes before the crash.

Today, Sheriff's Deputies located a 2010 gray Mazda 3 concealed in a garage in the 14300 block of SW Teal Boulevard with damage consistent with the crash. Sheriff's Deputies tracked Mr. Davis down and arrested him at 8:38 p.m. The Mazda was seized as evidence and will be processed by the Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Unit.

Joe Davis was lodged in the Washington County Jail charged with Felony Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver (Hit & Run). He is held on \$20,000 bail. He will be arraigned at 3:00 p.m. December 5, 2014, at the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center. There are additional charges possible as the investigation continues.

The Sheriff's Office is grateful for the media coverage and public assistance in this case.

UPDATE: December 4, 2014—Sheriff's Deputies identify the year and model of the hit and run vehicle.

The model of the vehicle involved in the hit and run crash that seriously injured Walter Weise has been identified as a 2010 Mazda 3. It is not yet known if the Mazda is a four door sedan or four door hatchback. There is a stock photo of a similar vehicle attached. Mr. Weise is still in the hospital where his condition is reported as serious.

Investigators are continuing to reach out to citizens to report any information in this case.

Original release below:

Deputies Search for Suspect in Injury Hit and Run Crash

December 2, 2014—Washington County Sheriff's Deputies are searching for the person that struck an elderly man with their vehicle then fled the scene.

On December 2, 2014 at about 5:04 p.m., Sheriff's Deputies were called to the 16200 block of SW Beef Bend Road in the community of Bull Mountain concerning a man that was struck by a vehicle. It was reported that Walter Weise, 82, was struck as he walked across the road to retrieve his mail from the mailbox across from his driveway.

Upon arrival, deputies found Mr. Weise on the roadside with serious injuries. There were citizens helping him until deputies arrived. Mr. Weise was transported by ground to a local hospital with apparent non-life threatening injuries.

The vehicle that struck Mr. Weise fled the scene without stopping or rendering assistance. There were pieces of what appeared to be a late model (2008-2010) dark gray Mazda sedan scattered about the roadway. The vehicle would have significant right front damage and missing the right side mirror. Deputies need citizens to be on the lookout for the vehicle suspected to be involved in this crash.

The Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team responded to assist with the investigation.

Deputies are seeking the public's help regarding this case. If you have any information concerning the vehicle or driver, please immediately call the Washington County Sheriff's Office at (503) 629-0111.