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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Case #50-163520090

### **Wrong-way Driver Dies in High Speed Crash**

December 17, 2016—Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash where a vehicle was driving the wrong way on Highway 26 and collided with three other vehicles. The wrong-way driver did not survive the crash.

On December 17, 2016, at 1:04 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies received several calls from drivers concerning a 2008 Honda Civic travelling eastbound in the westbound lanes on Highway 26. Sheriff's Deputies were assisted in the search for the Honda by the Oregon State Police and the Hillsboro Police Department. The Honda was reported travelling the wrong way as far west as Cornelius Pass Road, initially at a slow speed then accelerating to possibly over 100 miles per hour.

Sheriff's Deputies were diverting traffic off of Highway 26 and were able to set up "spike strips" at Murray Boulevard. Unfortunately, the Honda crashed between Murray Boulevard and Cornell Road. It was only a few minutes after the first 911 call that the Honda crashed. A 2013 Toyota Tacoma was the first vehicle struck, causing the Honda to rotate sideways as it was struck by a 2013 Mazda. The Honda was severed in half killing the driver, Madeline Duncan, 20, from Beaverton. Half of the Honda struck a 1999 Toyota Sienna causing moderate damage. The Mazda and the Tacoma received significant damage.

The driver of the Mazda, Saleh Batroukh 27, and his 29 year-old passenger, received serious injuries and were transported to a local hospital. Their injuries were reported to be non-life-threatening.

The Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team responded to gather evidence and document the scene. Highway 26 westbound was closed for about five hours. Investigators continue to try to piece together the events that led up to this crash.