



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## PRESS RELEASE

Case#: 15-500147

### UPDATE: Man Arrested in Cornelius Head-On Crash

January 30, 2015--Today, a Washington County Grand Jury indicted Adam Buchalski for Second Degree Manslaughter, Reckless Driving and Forth Degree Assault. The assault charge is regarding the injuries to his passenger. Sheriff's Deputies arrested Mr. Buchalski at his Cornelius residence without incident at 12:16 p.m. He was lodged in the Washington County Jail held on \$250,000 bail.

Original Release below:

### Head-On Crash Leaves Woman Dead near Cornelius

January 4, 2015--Today, a 22-year-old Hillsboro woman was killed when her car was struck head-on by an SUV near Cornelius. The two occupants of the SUV were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

On Sunday, January 04, 2015, at about 10:35 a.m., deputies responded to a head-on collision on SW Susbauer Road near SW Long Road, north of the City of Cornelius.

Deputies arrived and determined that one person was deceased at the scene and two people were being transported to an area hospital. The Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team (CART) responded to the scene to investigate the crash.



Based on preliminary witness statements and evidence at the scene, investigators determined that a 1999 Honda Accord, driven by Maria Lara Martinez, 22, of Hillsboro, was southbound on SW Susbauer Rd. She was struck head-on by a 2006 Mercedes Benz ML500 SUV, driven by Adam Buchalski, 53, of Cornelius. Mr. Buchalski was traveling northbound in the southbound lane while passing another vehicle in a no-passing zone.

Mr. Buchalski and his passenger, Paulina Lea, 51, of Cornelius, were transported to Emanuel Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

CART will continue to investigate this incident to determine if there are any criminal factors that contributed to Ms. Martinez' death. No one has been charged at this time.