



# WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Portland Man Dies in Late Night Crash

September 8, 2016—Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash where a vehicle left the roadway and rolled over. The driver did not survive the crash.

On September 8, 2016 at 6:06 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were called to NW Phillips Road in the community of Helvetia, concerning a single vehicle crash that was called in by an off-duty Hillsboro Police Officer.

Sheriff's Deputies arrived and found a 2005 Nissan 350Z convertible heavily damaged in a field. Sheriff's Deputies determined the Nissan was travelling east on NW Phillips Road at a high rate of speed, failed to negotiate a hill, struck the ditch and rolled over several times. The investigation revealed that the crash possibly occurred prior to midnight.

Sheriff's Deputies found Christopher Smith, 46, from NW Portland, was driving the Nissan. Mr. Smith was ejected from the car and pronounced deceased at the crash scene.

The Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstructive Team responded to gather evidence and document the scene.

Investigators believe excessive speed contributed to this crash. This case is still under investigation.

