



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

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01/26/2013 5:30 p.m.

Incident: Traffic Crash **Case #:** 13N-00185

Location: Hwy 101/Agate Beach Best Western Motel

Date/Time: 01/26/2013 at 1:30 p.m.

Details: On 01/26/2013, at about 1:30 p.m., Newport Police Officers were dispatched to a reported car crash blocking the entrance to the Agate Beach Best Western Motel on Hwy 101. Officers found the southbound lanes of Hwy 101 blocked, as was the entrance of the motel, by a 1977 26-foot fiberglass fishing boat that had come off its trailer.

Officers learned that Casey Broyles, age 29 of Salem, was towing the boat north on Hwy 101 from South Beach to Salem when the trailer began to separate from the Ford SUV and started swaying violently from side to side. The trailer broke apart and flipped, causing the boat to slide across all the southbound lanes. The tow vehicle spun in a circle before coming to rest. Neither Broyles nor his passenger was injured. The boat suffered heavy damage; the trailer was totaled.

The crash was caused by the age and condition of the trailer, and a load beyond its rated carrying capacity.

Hwy 101 was partially blocked for more than 2.5 hours while two crews and trucks from Rowley's Towing loaded the large boat onto a truck and cleared the roadway. Newport Police Officers and an ODOT Emergency Response crew escorted Rowley's truck to their shop in South Beach. The Yaquina Bay Bridge was closed for about three minutes while the heavy and unconventional load crossed the bay.

Newport Police Officers congratulated Rowley's employees for their effectiveness and timely efforts to clear the roadway following this unusual incident.

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