



# Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365

## NPD MEDIA RELEASE

11/09/2011 8:30 a.m.

**Incident:** Hit and Run; DUII **Case: 11N-01936**

**Location:** Newport City Center Motel, 538 SW Coast Hwy

**Date/Time:** 11/08/2011 at 10:25 p.m.

**Suspect:** Luke Harrison Knudson, age 28 of Salt Lake City, UT

**Details:** On 11/08/2011, at about 10:25 p.m., Newport Police Officers were dispatched to a reported Hit and Run incident at the Newport City Center Motel. The manager and guests reported that a large yellow Penske moving truck, towing a large U-Haul trailer, attempted to pull under the motel's awning. The truck struck the building, causing major damage to the beam and ceiling material of the awning. Despite the manager and others yelling at the driver to stop, he backed up and drove through the lot, over the grass, and south bound onto Hwy 101.

Minutes later a Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy located the truck and trailer parked at a motel in South Beach. Officers made contact with the driver, who was identified as Luke Harrison Knudson of Salt Lake City, UT. Knudson was displaying indications of impairment, but refused to take roadside sobriety tests. It is estimated that damage to the motel property will exceed \$2,000. Knudson was taken into custody for DUII, Hit and Run, and Criminal Mischief I. Knudson was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail with bail set at \$80,000.

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