



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

NPD MEDIA RELEASE

03/20/2011 9:30 p.m.

Incident: Manslaughter 1st Degree **Case:** 11N-00434

Location: 3100 Block of North Hwy 101, Newport

Date/Time: 03/18/2011 at 8:17 p.m.

Victims: Francisco Cuevas-Lopez, age 34 of Cloverdale, Oregon
Rosa Luna-Ruiz, age 39 of Cloverdale, Oregon
Judith A. Cuevas-Luna, age 2 of Cloverdale, Oregon

SUSPECT: Russell Gary Hayner, age 41 of Newport

Details: A Newport man was arrested Friday evening following a fatal traffic crash involving the Ford pickup he was driving, and a mini-van on North Highway 101 just south of the intersection with NE 31st Street in Newport, Oregon. The Newport Police Department is continuing the investigation with the assistance of the Lincoln County Major Crash Team.

On March 18, 2011 at approximately 8:17 p.m., a 2001 Ford Pickup driven by Russell Gary Hayner, age 41 of Newport, was southbound on Highway 101. Just south of NE 31st Street, his vehicle travelled across the center lane into the northbound lane, colliding head-on with a 1999 Chevrolet Ventura Mini-Van operated by Francisco Cuevas-Lopez, age 34, from Cloverdale, Oregon.

A rear seat passenger in the van, Judith A. Cuevas-Luna, age 2 of Cloverdale, was pronounced deceased at the scene. She was seated in a child safety booster seat.

The van's driver, Cuevas-Lopez, and the right front passenger, Rosa Luna-Ruiz, age 39 of Cloverdale, were both transported by ambulance to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport with non-life threatening injuries.

Hayner was treated at SPCH for minor injuries and then released. He was arrested by Newport Police Officers and lodged in the Lincoln County Jail on charges of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree; two counts of Assault in the 3rd Degree; three counts of Recklessly Endangering; Reckless Driving; DUII; and Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree. His bail was set at \$440,000.

Highway 101 was closed for approximately four hours while the Lincoln County Major Crash Team conducted their investigation and tow trucks recovered the vehicles. Newport Police Officers were assisted by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, ODOT, Newport and Toledo Fire Departments, and PacWest Ambulance.

Anyone who witnessed or has information related to this crash is asked to contact Officer TJ Eriksen at 541-574-3348

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