



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

NPD MEDIA RELEASE

06/08/2011 2:30 p.m.

Incident: Hit and Run, DUII Arrest **Case: 11N-00919**

Location: 900 Block of South Hwy 101, Newport

Date/Time: 06/08/2011 at 12:20 p.m.

Suspect: Charles Joseph Moore, age 59 of Siletz, Oregon

Details: On 06/08/2011 at about 12:00 p.m., Newport Police officers were dispatched to a report of a hit and run accident in the 900 block of South Hwy 101 in Newport. Initial information indicated that a truck had left the roadway, struck and knocked over a light pole, and was proceeding south on Hwy 101 dragging pieces of the light pole under the truck. Witnesses followed the truck into South Beach State Park, where the truck finally became totally disabled. Officers arrived on scene and were directed to the male driver who had fled the vehicle and was last seen walking on the beach. An officer located Charles Joseph Moore of Siletz, and walked him back to his truck in the parking lot.

Moore was displaying indicators of being under the influence of intoxicants. He failed the field sobriety tests, and was placed under arrest. Witnesses told officers that they had been following Moore in his truck on Hwy 101 when he suddenly veered out of his lane, almost struck another south-bound car, swerved off the roadway, jumped the curb, crossed the sidewalk, and struck the lamp post, tearing it from its mount and smashing it into pieces. He made no attempt to stop, and left the scene dragging the large lamp portion of the post under his truck all the way to South Beach State Park.

Moore was arrested for DUII, Hit and Run, Criminal Mischief II, and Reckless Driving. He was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail. A breath test indicated his blood alcohol content was .10. His bail was set at \$60,000.

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