



# Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365

## NPD MEDIA RELEASE

01/07/2013 4:30 p.m.

**Incident:** Motor Vehicle Crash **Case #:13N-00041**

**Location:** Hwy 101/NW 55<sup>th</sup> Street

**Date/Time:** 01/07/2013 at 10:40 a.m.

**Driver #1:** Jerry G. Martensen, age 50 of Depoe Bay, Oregon

**Driver #2:** David G. Rose, age 43 of Salem, Oregon

**Details:** Newport Police Officers and the Newport Fire Department were dispatched to a motor vehicle fire in the area of Hwy 101 and NW 55<sup>th</sup> Street. While en-route officers were advised an Oregon State Police Trooper was on scene attempting to extinguish the fire. Once Newport Officers arrived they learned the vehicle had been involved in a traffic crash. The investigation revealed that David Rose, age 43 of Salem, was south bound on Hwy 101 driving a pickup truck towing a flatbed trailer loaded with an excavator. His trailer was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Jerry Martensen, age 50 of Depoe Bay, who reportedly suffered a medical incident that caused him to momentarily lose consciousness. He lost control of the 2003 Mitsubishi Galant he was driving. Witnesses reported that both vehicles were traveling south on Hwy 101 at about the posted speed limit when Martensen's vehicle suddenly accelerated and slammed into the back of the trailer. The impact caused Martensen's vehicle to veer across the oncoming traffic lane and off the east side of the roadway where the vehicle rolled over onto its top. The vehicle then caught fire in the engine compartment. The OSP trooper on scene extinguished the fire and assisted Martensen and his passenger Elizabeth Martensen, age 48 of Depoe Bay, from the vehicle.

The Martensens were transported by ambulance to Samaritain Pacific Communities Hospital with minor injuries. Rose was not injured. Martensen was issued a citation for Driving with a suspended license.

Newport Police Officers were assisted at the scene by the Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation Incident Response, Newport Fire Department, and PAC West Ambulance.

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