



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

NPD MEDIA RELEASE

10/01/2013 9:00 p.m.

Incident: Three-Car Crash **Case #: 13N-02051**

Location: E. Olive St. at SE Moore Dr.

Date/Time: October 1, 2013 at 11:35 a.m.

Drivers: Larry Merrell, age 71 of Newport
Misty Vanderburgh of Waldport
James Hodge of Otter Rock

Details: On 10/01/2013, at 11:35 a.m., Newport Police Officers responded to a three-car crash on E. Olive St. at SE Moore Drive. Investigation showed that the vehicle driven by Larry Merrell, age 71 of Newport, was west-bound on E. Olive St. when the driver apparently suffered a medical incident. His vehicle rear-ended a 2011 Kia, driven by Misty Vanderburgh of Waldport, which was stopped at the traffic light at SE Moor Drive and E. Olive Street. Merrell's vehicle continued through the intersection, bounced off the guardrail, crossed two lanes of traffic, clipped the back left corner of a 2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by James Hodge of Otter Rock, then plunged into a ravine where it came to rest against a large tree.

Merrell was assisted from his vehicle by Newport Fire Department, and transported to Samaritan Pacific Community Hospital where he was stabilized before being transported to another hospital. Vanderburgh was taken to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital where she was treated for minor injuries and released. Hodge was not injured in the crash, and was released at the scene.

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