



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

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03/16/2010 9:15 a.m.

Incident: Traffic Crash *Case#: 10N-00485*

Location: SE 35th St., South Beach

Date/Time: 03/15/2010 at 1:59 p.m.

Victims: David A. Wymer, age 34 of Newport
Patricia Arias, age 45 of Newport

Suspect: Lavonda Gabbard, age 32 of Newport

Details: On March 15, 2010, Newport Police Officers and emergency personnel responded to a reported injury crash on SE 35th St. in South Beach. The investigation showed that Lavonda Gabbard of Newport was driving a 1991 Plymouth Maroon Voyager van westbound on SE 35th St. at an excessive speed. Ms. Gabbard failed to negotiate a left turn; her vehicle went off the road and into the ditch, striking a driveway culvert and retaining wall. The vehicle came to rest on its side. The occupants had to be cut from the vehicle.

Ms. Gabbard and the two occupants sustained non-life threatening injuries. They were treated and released from Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital.

Ms. Gabbard was arrested for Reckless Driving, Driving without a License, and Driving with No Insurance. Her bail was set at \$10,000. She was cited and released at the hospital.

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