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Fatal Motorcycle Passenger Crash
Case #15-11107

UPDATE July 2, 2015

This morning at 2 a.m., police located the suspect who was operating the motorcycle in last night's fatal crash. James Stanley Tarpley, age 53, of Veneta, was arrested at his home at 2:00 this morning without incident. He is charged with Manslaughter in the Second Degree, DUII, and Hit and Run. The investigation is on-going.

The passenger is a 66-year-old man from Springfield.

Preliminary indications are that the pair left the tavern westbound on W. 11th and drove into the planter strip on the highway divider, causing the passenger to fall off and hit a tree. The passenger was declared deceased on the scene and the Tarpley left the scene. Eugene Police thanks witnesses to the incident that helped lead to the identification and arrest of Tarpley.

The identity of the passenger is being withheld pending notification of family. ###

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FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASH
Case #15-11107

At 8:48 p.m., July 1, a motorcyclist with a passenger exited the Keg parking lot at 4711 W. 11th. Within a short distance, the male passenger came off the motorcycle and was killed. The motorcycle operator left the scene.

Major Collision Investigation Team in on scene investigating the crash. Westbound W. 11th is expected to remain closed for another hour between Cross and S. Terry. The passenger’s name is not being released pending next-of-kin notification.
The public’s help is being sought in this case and if anyone has relevant information they are asked to call 541.682.5111 and reference case 15-11107. ###

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