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Media Release

Excessive Speed Suspected in Fatal Crash Near North Plains

September 16, 2017 – A 58-year-old man died this afternoon after a car he was driving lost control and collided with a telephone pole. Speed is suspected as a contributing factor to this crash.

On Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 4:47 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a single-vehicle crash into a utility pole at NW Dairy Creek Road and NW Oliver Hill Road, northwest of North Plains.

The initial investigation showed that the vehicle, a 2000 Volkswagen Jetta, was traveling south when it lost control and collided with a utility pole. Lifesaving efforts were attempted, but the driver, 58-year-old Richard Owens, of North Plains, died at the scene.

Members of the Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team (CART) will consult on this crash investigation. It is believed that excessive speed was a factor in this crash.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office reminds the public to always obey posted speed limits and road safety signs.

Deputies at the scene were assisted by the North Plains Police Department, the Oregon State Police, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Banks Fire and the Washington County Medical Examiner's Office.

