



PRESS RELEASE

Case #14-503973

Deputies Responded to Fatal Head-on Crash

March 18, 2014—Sheriff's Deputies responded to a crash where a sedan entered into the path of a semi truck. The drivers were the lone occupants in both of the vehicles. The driver of the sedan did not survive his injuries.

On March 18, 2014, at 11:05 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were called to NW Zion Church Road west of the intersection of NW Gordon Road concerning a two vehicle crash. This is close to the community of North Plains.

Deputies discovered a 1997 Toyota Camry was traveling westbound on NW Zion Church Road when it failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway. The Camry crossed into the oncoming lane in front of a 2010 Peterbilt semi tractor-trailer heading eastbound. The Camry was sliding sideways when it collided with the truck in the truck's travel lane. Both vehicles left the roadway after the crash.

Witnesses and evidence led deputies to believe the Camry was likely traveling in excess of the 55 mph speed limit. Sheriff's Deputies found that Paul David Suryan, 34, from Forest Grove, was the driver of the Camry. Mr. Suryan did not survive the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the truck was not injured.

The Washington County Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team responded to the scene to assist in the investigation. North Plains Police also responded to assist with the crash. Zion Church Road was closed until about 3:00 p.m. to gather evidence and diagram the scene. Investigators determined that excessive speed is likely a contributing factor in this crash. The investigation is ongoing.