

## Springfield motorcyclist dies in police pursuit crash

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SPRINGFIELD, Ore. -- A 34-year old Springfield man died Thursday night from injuries suffered after losing control of his motorcycle and colliding into a highway guardrail near Jasper on Parkway Road south of Springfield.

Alcohol may have been involved in this crash that took the life of a Springfield man, who appeared to be eluding troopers during an attempted traffic stop for speeding - OSP photo The driver, whose name is withheld pending notification of family members, appeared to be attempting to elude an Oregon State Police (OSP) trooper for a short distance when he crashed into the guardrail while attempting to negotiate a curve. According to OSP Sgt. Ron Martin, just before midnight on April 10, an OSP trooper clocked a 1997 Honda motorcycle at 92-mph traveling north on Parkway Road near milepost 3. The Trooper turned around and activated the patrol car overhead emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop for the speed violation. The motorcycle operator did not yield, and while appearing to attempt to elude the trooper the operator failed to negotiate a curve in the road at Parkway Road and Edenvale Road and crashed into a guardrail. The trooper administered first aid until medics arrived and transported the operator to Sacred Heart Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The operator was wearing a protective helmet. Alcohol is being investigated as a possible contributing factor in the crash. OSP troopers from the Springfield Area Command are continuing the investigation. The Lane County Sheriff's Office, Pleasant Hill Fire Department, and Springfield Fire Department assisted at the scene. Parkway Road was partially blocked for approximately 2 1/2 hours.

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