

Drunk driver cited after crashing into house

by Cheryl McDermott

A Gresham man received non-life threatening injuries early Monday morning after he lost control of his car and crashed into a house in southeast Clackamas, Oregon State Police reported. The driver, whose license was suspended for a prior drunk driving charge, was again cited for the same offense.

22-year old William Robert Madison IV of Gresham, Oregon was cited for drunk driving after he crashed his car through the side of a Clackamas home. OSP photos.

22-year old William Robert Madison IV was traveling east at a high rate of speed on Highway 224, near milepost 8 and east of SE 142nd Avenue, when the accident occurred, troopers said.

Madison lost control of his 1999 Volkswagon Jetta, and crashed into the side of a house on the south side of the highway. The car crashed through a wall and came to rest partially inside the residence. The vehicle briefly caught fire with Madison still inside, troopers reported, but persons at the scene were able to remove the allegedly inebriated man and extinguished the blaze.

Madison was initially transported to Willamette Falls Hospital, and subsequently transferred to Legacy Emanuel Hospital. He was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, second-degree criminal mischief, and driving while suspended.

The accident remains under investigation by Oregon State Police.

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