

## Corvallis pedestrian killed in hit-and-run

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Oregon State Police are asking for the public's help related to an investigation into the hit-and-run death of a Corvallis man killed Saturday night when he was struck by a vehicle on Highway 34 just east of Corvallis. Christopher Thomas Hough, 47, was pronounced deceased at the scene of the accident about 9:30 p.m. January 27, Oregon State Police (OSP) reported.

Troopers were en route to the area in response to several reports of a person walking in the roadway when they received another report that a pedestrian had been struck by a vehicle and was lying in the left eastbound lane of Highway 34 near milepost 1. When they arrived, troopers found the victim was deceased and had been hit by at least one vehicle.

According to witness statements, vehicles of interest include a white sports utility vehicle, possibly a GMC Yukon; and a maroon van with tinted windows, similar to a Chevrolet Astro van.

OSP encourages anyone with information about the incident to contact the Northern Command Center at 800.452.7888. Trooper Scott Hite is the lead investigator.

The OSP Albany Area Command office is continuing the investigation. Troopers were assisted at the scene by the several agencies including the Corvallis Police and Fire Departments, Benton County Sheriff's Office, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Linn County Multi-Agency Accident Investigation Team from both the Albany and Lebanon Police Departments. The eastbound lanes of Highway 34 were closed for approximately four hours, police said, leaving only one lane of traffic open in each direction during accident investigation and cleanup.

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