

Tillamook driver dies after crashing into farm vehicle

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A Tillamook-area man died Friday afternoon from injuries he sustained when the car he was driving crashed into the back of a farm implement on Highway 6 just east of Tillamook, police reported.

Ramiro Diaz-Mendoza, 28, was traveling westbound on Highway 6 near milepost 2 about 6:45 a.m. March 2 when the accident occurred, Oregon State Police (OSP) said.

A Tillamook man died Friday when his car crashed into the back of a farm implement. Troopers suspect speed and alcohol contributed to the crash. OSP photo.

Diaz-Mendoza's 1990 Toyota two-door car crashed into the back of a westbound 1992 Oregon Road Runner hay squeeze, a farm implement that was operated by Jason M. Sagar.

Sagar, 37, of Tillamook, told police he was going 40-45 miles per hour when the car slammed into his vehicle. He was not injured.

Diaz-Mendoza was transported to Tillamook County General Hospital, then transferred to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland where he died of his injuries.

While the crash remains under investigation with the assistance of a crash reconstructionist, OSP report that speeding and alcohol consumption by the deceased driver appear to be contributing factors.

Deputies with Tillamook County Sheriff's Office and Oregon Department of Transportation personnel assisted at the scene.

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