

LaPine Man Arrested for Fatal Hit and Run

by K_Guice

A 27-year-old LaPine man has been arrested for fatally-striking a pedestrian with his vehicle and fleeing the scene.

Josh Day has been charged with manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide and failure to perform duties of a driver involved in an accident, according to Sgt. Dan Bilyeu with the Deschutes Sheriff's Office.

At 3:09 a.m. on Saturday, July 15, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a hit and run accident at Highway 97. Upon arrival, officials discovered Donald Lewis Arnold, 52, of LaPine who had been struck by a vehicle. The victim later died at the scene.

Joshua Day, DCJ Photo An initial investigation determined that the suspect was traveling northbound on Highway 97 in his red, full-size Dodge pickup truck. The victim was struck by Day's vehicle as he was walking southbound on the northbound shoulder of the highway, according to a press release from the sheriff's office.

Day was contacted within a matter of hours and taken into custody the same day of the incident. He is now out on a \$110,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in court on July 25, according to Sgt. Bilyeu.

“Alcohol is believed to be a factor in this accident,” Sgt. Bilyeu said. However, further investigation by the sheriff’s office and Oregon State Police is still ongoing.

Anyone who may have further information regarding the accident is encouraged to contact the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office Detective Division at 388-6655.

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