

Driver dies in crash near The Dalles

by Cheryl McDermott

A 54-year old Portland man died Sunday evening from injuries he sustained in a single-vehicle collision on Highway 197 about five miles south of The Dalles, Oregon, authorities reported.

Oregon State Police (OSP) assisted by Wasco County Sheriff's deputies responded to the accident scene near milepost 5 on Highway 197 shortly after 7 p.m., April 22.

The investigation is continuing to determine the cause of the crash - OSP photo Preliminary investigation determined that Kevin Holmlund, 54, of southeast Portland had been traveling north when, for unknown reasons, he drove off the east side of the highway. His 2002 Toyota Tundra pickup traveled down a 50-foot embankment and came to rest in a pasture.

According to an OSP news release, Holmlund was taken by ambulance to Mid Columbia Medical Center where he later died.

An investigation led by OSP The Dalles Area Command is continuing.

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