Marion County deputy, teen die in head-on crash

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A Marion County Sheriffâ€™s Deputy, enroute to a reported physical dispute with his carâ€™s emergency lights and siren activated, was killed in a crash with a vehicle that crossed the centerline and hit him head-on Saturday night. A 19-year old Woodburn man, one of three occupants in the involved vehicle, died of his injuries Sunday morning.

Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Kelly Fredinburg (inset) and a passenger of the other vehicle involved in a head-on crash were both killed. OSP photoAccording to a news release issued by Oregon State Police (OSP), Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Kelly Fredinburg was southbound on Highway 99E near milepost 35 to backup a Gervais Police officer on the physical dispute incident in the 1000 block of 5th Street when the accident occurred.

Officers from Woodburn and Hubbard Police were also enroute.

At least one other northbound vehicle began to pull onto the shoulder to yield to Deputy Fredinburgâ€™s vehicle when a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, also traveling north, crossed the centerline into the southbound lane, crashing head-on with the deputy. Both vehicles came to rest off the west side of the highway, and the deputyâ€™s car overturned and caught fire.

Deputy Fredinburg died at the scene. The driver of the Ford, Alfredo De Jesus Ascencio, 20, of Woodburn, was critically injured and transported by ambulance to Oregon Health Sciences University where he reportedly remains in critical condition. Troopers report that Ascencio has a valid Oregon drivers license and was wearing a seat belt.

The Fordâ€™s right front passenger, 19-year old Oscar Ascencio Amaya of Woodburn, had to extricated from the vehicle by fire personnel. Troopers report that he was using safety restraints, but was critically injured and flown by LifeFlight to OHSU where he died Sunday morning.

The third occupant riding in the right rear seat of the Ford was given a ride to Salem Hospital before responding officers knew of his involvement. California resident Daniel Alvarez De Jesus, 24, was interviewed by an OSP trooper who confirmed his involvement.

The three occupants of the Ford are related, and were returning to Woodburn following a wedding in the Salem area, troopers reported, adding that there is no evidence that alcohol was a contributing factor. The investigation is continuing.

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