

Bend man charged with manslaughter, drunk driving in fatal crash

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Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers arrested a Bend man on Wednesday in connection with a fatal traffic crash on Highway 22 in Mill City that took the life of 51-year old James Kline of Gates.

John Eric Young - MCSO photo John Eric Young, 30, was taken into custody at his home without incident and transported to the Marion County Jail. He is charged with second-degree manslaughter and driving under the influence of intoxicants, an OSP news release stated.

Young is alleged to have been driving drunk on April 18 about 6 p.m. when his Isuzu Rodeo crossed into the oncoming lane and crashed head-on into Kline's small pickup.

Kline, of Gates, Oregon, died the following day from injuries sustained in the accident. A passenger in the pickup suffered non-life threatening injuries, troopers said.

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