

Terrebonne man struck, killed by semi-truck

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A 46-year old man wearing dark clothing was killed Thursday night when he was struck by a large truck while crossing Highway 97 on foot in Terrebonne, Oregon, troopers reported.

According to an Oregon State Police (OSP) news release, the accident occurred about 9:40 p.m., August 16, when a 1999 Peterbilt truck towing a trailer loaded with bees was southbound on Highway 97 near milepost 115. The truck's driver, identified as Kevin C. Gross, 48, of Woodburn, was unable to stop when he suddenly came upon the man crossing the highway on foot.

The victim, James Lee Williams, 46, of Terrebonne, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Gross was not injured. The truck is registered to Cascade Honey, a Woodburn company.

OSP troopers from the Bend and Madras work sites are continuing the investigation. According to troopers, the area has one lane in both directions with a paved center median.

No enforcement action is anticipated against the driver.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Redmond Fire & Rescue, and Oregon Department of Transportation personnel assisted on scene. The highway was closed until about 2 a.m., troopers said, with an established

detour around the scene.

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