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Police investigate fatality at local park

Arrest made

Update 08/21/2022 | 1:10 p.m.

Please note the following corrections from the previously published update: The surname of the deceased individual was misspelled. The decedent is Vince Edward Fouts. Fouts and Myers were in a domestic partnership.

Thank you.

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Update 08/21/2022 | 11:00 a.m.

Salem Police detectives arrested Branda Myshelle Myers, age 29 of Salem, on two charges of murder: first and second degree, respectively.

On Saturday, August 20, patrol officers responded to the report of a hit and run collision at [Woodmansee Park](#) in south Salem. Witnesses at the scene were able to direct officers to the location of the decedent, Vince Edward Douts, age 38, of Salem, as well as Myers.

Detectives learned Myers and her former spouse, Douts, were in a custody dispute and attempting to resolve matters that morning at the park. The argument between the two escalated, and Myers used her vehicle to run over Douts several times.

Myers was lodged at the [Marion County Jail](#) late Saturday night and is due to be arraigned Monday, August 22, at 2:30 p.m. at the [Marion County Criminal Court Annex](#). With arraignment forthcoming, all further inquiries concerning this case must be directed to the [Marion County District Attorney's Office](#).

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Original press release published 08/20/2022 | 12:08 p.m.

Salem, Ore. — At approximately 9:15 a.m. today, August 20, park users called for police assistance at Woodmansee Park when a man in the parking lot area was struck by a woman driving a vehicle.



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The man is deceased, and the driver has been questioned. Salem Police detectives have assumed the investigation.

The park which is located in the 4600 block Sunnyside RD SE is currently closed. Residents and motorists in the vicinity should expect a police presence in the area for the next few hours.

No further information on this active investigation is available for release at this time.

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