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Traffic collision results in motorcyclist fatality

Salem, Ore. — At 2:10 p.m. on Friday, September 23, Salem Police patrol officers responded to the scene of a traffic collision involving a service delivery van and motorcycle at the intersection of Liberty RD and Browning AV S.

The motorcyclist was traveling westbound on Browning AV approaching Liberty RD when it collided with the service delivery vehicle making a northbound turn onto Liberty. Witnesses reported the motorcyclist was accelerating into the intersection. The rider was unable to keep the vehicle upright and went down, sliding a short distance before hitting the service van driven by Patrick John O’Neill, age 56.

The motorcyclist, Frederick Lee McKinney, age 35, suffered critical injuries and was transported to Salem Health where he later died.

O’Neill, who remained at the scene and is cooperating with the investigation, was not injured.

The intersection remained closed for approximately two hours as the incident was investigated, and the scene cleared.

The Traffic Team investigation into the collision continues. At this time, no arrests have been made or citations issued.

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