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Traffic crash leaves occupant dead, driver arrested

Update 11/04/2022 | 3:00 p.m.

Please note the following correction from the previously published update: Guzman's age is 27 years.

Thank you.

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Original press release published 11/04/2022 | 12:00 p.m.

Salem, Ore. — A single-vehicle crash in northeast Salem on Thursday evening resulted in one fatality and the driver arrested on multiple charges.

Just after 10:00 p.m., a patrol officer responded to the 4000 block of Winema PL NE on the report of a stolen vehicle. The officer learned the man had been involved in a collision and was now looking for his vehicle. Officers located the crash scene at the intersection of Hawthorne AV and Silverton RD NE.

The preliminary investigation by the Traffic Team revealed the crash occurred earlier in the evening at approximately 9:15 p.m. The driver, 40-year-old Jose Alberto Guzman Guzman, was driving his BMW sedan northbound on Hawthorne AV just south of Silverton RD when he was unable to negotiate the slight left curve in a portion of the roadway which resulted in the vehicle leaving the right shoulder of the road and entering the parking lot of a nearby equipment rental retailer. The sedan collided with a large piece of machinery in the business' parking lot before coming to a stop.

An occupant in the backseat of the vehicle, Jose Milian Milian, age 25, died of the injuries he sustained in the collision.

Guzman was arrested and lodged at the Marion County Jail on the following charges:



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- Manslaughter in the first degree
- Driving under the influence of an intoxicant
- Recklessly endangering
- Reckless driving
- Failure to perform the duties of a driver

Guzman is due to be arraigned today at 2:30 p.m. at the <u>Marion County Circuit Court Annex</u>. All further inquiries on this case should be directed to the <u>Marion County District Attorney's Office</u>.

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