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Suspect apprehended in assault of elderly man

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The victim in this incident, identified as Russell L. Mikolas, succumbed to his injuries yesterday, July 17.

Please refer all further media inquiries into this investigation to the the [Marion County District Attorney's Office](#) as the juvenile arrested in the incident remains in custody of the [Marion Juvenile Detention Department](#).

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Salem, Ore. — A 17-year-old juvenile has been arrested in an assault incident which occurred Thursday afternoon in northeast Salem.

At approximately 4:30 p.m. on June 29, Salem Police officers were called to the 3900 block of Sunnyview RD NE after witnesses reported a young man physically punching and kicking a person walking down the street.

The suspect attempted to leave the scene but was stopped by individuals who had witnessed the incident.

The 64-year-old man was transported to Salem Health with life-threatening injuries. He was later transported to a Portland-area hospital for further critical care. The name of the assault victim is not being released at this time pending notification to family members.

The juvenile was lodged at the Marion County Juvenile Department on the charge of second-degree assault. The Salem Police Department does not identify minors involved in criminal investigations. No further information is available for release as the case remains under investigation.

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