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Pedestrian dies after being struck by delivery truck

Witness to collision sought

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The Salem Police Traffic Team continues their investigation of the fatal collision on Cordon Road in southeast Salem on Saturday evening.

Investigators request to speak with a witness to the incident. A motorist, described as driving an unknown model Jeep vehicle, was traveling southbound on Cordon RD at the time of the crash. Investigators believe the witness will have additional information helpful to the investigation.

The witness driver is asked to contact the Traffic Team at 503-588-6293 and reference case number 23-72055.

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Salem, Ore. — A man was struck and killed by a delivery truck Saturday evening on Cordon RD SE.

At approximately 7:50 p.m. on December 2, the driver of a delivery van reported he had struck what he believed to be a pedestrian while traveling northbound on Cordon RD SE just south of the HW22E overpass. Salem Police personnel arrived on scene and located a deceased man off the west shoulder of the roadway.

The preliminary investigation by the Salem Police Traffic Team shows the decedent, Kiristian Muraou, age 23, was attempting to cross Cordon RD when he was struck by the delivery van in the north-bound vehicle lane of travel. No lawful pedestrian crossing, or overhead street lighting exists in the area of the crash location.

The driver, Justin Rodriguez, age 35, remained at the scene and cooperated with investigators.

North and southbound travel on Cordon RD at the overpass was interrupted for approximately three hours for investigation and clearing of the scene.

No arrest has occurred, or citation issued as the collision remains under investigation. No other information is available for release.

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To date in 2023, the Salem Police Department has investigated 12 fatal collisions, resulting in 13 deaths.

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