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Early morning collision results in motorcyclist fatality

Salem, Ore. — The 4300 block of Commercial ST SE was closed this morning for the investigation of a traffic collision resulting in the death of a motorcyclist.

Just after 7:00 a.m. today, multiple callers reported a collision between a car and motorcycle. Passersby stopped and acted quickly to render aid to the injured motorcyclist along with help from a Salem police officer. Ultimately, the rider was pronounced deceased by paramedics.

The preliminary investigation by the Salem Police Traffic Team indicated that a sedan traveling southbound on Commercial ST initiated a turn east into the parking lot of a business when the motorcycle rider collided into the car.

The motorcyclist is identified as Zachary Hendrickson, age 32, of Salem. The driver of the car, Shannon Evans, age 54 and also of Salem, remained on the scene and is cooperating with the investigation.

Commercial ST between Hilfiker LN and 12th ST Cutoff was closed for approximately three-and-a-half hours for the scene investigation.

There is no further information available at this time, including that of citations or arrest, as the incident remains an active investigation.

This morning's traffic fatality is the tenth to occur in Salem since the start of the year.

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