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Passing train strikes, kills man on tracks

Salem, Ore. — At approximately 4:50 p.m. this afternoon, Salem Police officers responded to 1200 block of D Street NE on the report of a man struck by a passing freight train.

The railroad crew traveling northbound on the Union Pacific line reported the collision occurred on the tracks just south of D Street. Witnesses stated the man was standing near the tracks and laid down across them just before the train passed.

The person struck by the train is identified as Alexander Boyd Schumpert, age 32 of Salem. He was declared deceased at the scene.

The rail line which runs north-south was closed between D Street NE and Mill Street SE for approximately three hours while officers conducted the death investigation, and a substitute train crew arrived. The train was released from the scene just before 8:00 p.m.

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