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Man struck and killed by passing train

Salem, Ore. — A man who was struck by a passing freight train last week has died from his injuries.

Emergency responders were called to the Union-Pacific Railroad tracks at Center and 12th ST NE at 6:40 a.m. on Wednesday, September 4.

Witnesses reported a man was on a bicycle with the tires near the tracks. As the train approached, the bells and horns were sounded, and the rider backed the bike toward the tracks. The passing train struck the bicycle which spun the rider into the train.

The bicyclist is identified as 32-year-old Taylor Anthony Ochoa of Nevada. He was transported to Salem Health in critical condition. He died the next afternoon, September 5.

Traffic was closed to east and westbound traffic from Mill ST SE north to approximately Lamberson ST NE. The scene was cleared, and the train was released within three hours.

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