



# Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365

## NPD MEDIA RELEASE

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**Incident:** Fatal Pedestrian Crash **Case#: 15N-02906**

**Location:** 3600 Block of South Coast Highway

**Date/Time:** 12/28/2015 at 7:30 p.m.

**Victim:** Jack Joe Stevenson, age 60 of Toledo

**Driver:** James L. Slinger, age 52 of South Beach

**Details:** The Newport Police and Fire Departments responded to the 3600 block of South Coast Highway, the area in front of the South Beach Market, on a report of a pedestrian/vehicle crash. Jack Joe Stevenson, age 60 of Toledo, was found in serious condition in the south-bound lane of Highway 101. PacWest Ambulance transported Stevenson to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital. He was then transported to Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis, where he died of his injuries.

An investigation determined that a south-bound pick-up truck lost a tote box from the truck bed. Stevenson, who happened to be in the area, decided to help by walking into the traffic lane to retrieve the tote. Stevenson was wearing all black clothing. A south-bound vehicle, driven by James L. Slinger, age 52 of South Beach, struck Stevenson. Slinger remained at the scene and assisted with the investigation. He was not driving impaired.

The Major CRASH Team was called out. Team members included the Oregon State Police, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Lincoln City Police, Lincoln County District Attorney's Office, ODOT, and the Newport Police Department. The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information about this incident is requested to contact Officer Brad Purdom at 541-265-4849.

The Newport Police Tip Line is available at 541-574-5455, or Text-a-Tip at 541-270-1856.

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