



# Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway  
Newport, Oregon 97365

## NPD MEDIA RELEASE

11/30/2012 5:00 a.m.

**Incident:** Injury Traffic Crash / DUI Arrest **Case#: 12N-02234**

**Location:** NE Benton and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets

**Date/Time:** 11/30/2012 at 1:25 a.m.

**Suspect:** Michael Bart Brown Jr, age 34 of Lebanon, Oregon

**Details:** On 11/30/2012, at 1:25 a.m., a Newport Police Officer observed a Ford pickup truck being driven recklessly in the area of NE 8<sup>th</sup> and Douglas Streets, but then lost sight of it. Moments later, the officer came upon the truck where it had crashed and rolled at least once on NE Benton St near 8<sup>th</sup> St, coming to rest on its side in the middle of the street. All five of the occupants were trapped in the vehicle. Newport Fire Department and PacWest Ambulance responded to the scene. After the occupants were extracted from the vehicle and checked by medical personnel at the scene, officers interviewed the group. It was learned that all had been drinking at a local tavern, and were on the way to one of the passenger's residence. The four passengers all refused emergency medical care at the scene, but one of them later sought medical attention at SPCH.

The driver was identified as Michael Bart Brown Jr., age 34 of Lebanon, Oregon. He was displaying indicators of being impaired and was transported to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital by ambulance for treatment of minor injuries. Officers conducted a DUI investigation at the hospital and arrested Brown for DUI, Reckless Driving, and four counts of Recklessly Endangering. Upon his release from the hospital, he was lodged at the Lincoln County Jail with bail set at \$90,000.

The 2007 Ford F250 4x4 truck was heavily damaged and towed from the scene.

Newport officers were assisted in their investigation by an Oregon State Police trooper.

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