



Newport Police Department
169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

NPD MEDIA RELEASE

09/05/2012 1:45 p.m.

Incident: Traffic Hazard

Location: Hwy 101 and SE 40th St., South Beach

Date/Time: 09/05/2012 at 11:15 a.m.

Details: On 09/05/2012, at approximately 11:15 a.m., Newport Police Officers were dispatched to a traffic hazard near the south end of the Yaquina Bay Bridge. Dispatch received reports of a truck high-centered and blocking the road.

Officers located a 2002 Freightliner truck and semi-trailer blocking the north-bound lane of Hwy 101 near SE 40th St. Officers learned the driver was traveling south on Hwy 101 when he turned into a vacant lot on the east side of the highway near SE 40th St. When the truck entered the gravel shoulder, the truck lost traction, disabling the vehicle and causing the loaded trailer to block the highway.

With the assistance of a loader from Newport Public Works and a tow truck from Rowley's Towing, the semi was pulled back onto the highway. Newport Police Officers and ODOT Incident Response provided traffic control until the highway was clear. Traffic was delayed for 1 hour and 10 minutes

The driver was identified as Gerardo Rodriguez Castanon, age 37 of Cornelius, Oregon. No citations were issued.

During the traffic delay, a non-injury traffic crash occurred near the south end of the Yaquina Bay Bridge. Two tow trucks responded to the crash to remove the non-drivable vehicles. Details of the crash were not available at the time of this media release.

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