



Newport Police Department

169 SW Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon 97365

NPD MEDIA RELEASE

11/05/2009 1:30 a.m.

Incident: Traffic Crash / DUII Arrest **Case: 09N-02054**

Location: 4800 block of Hwy 101, South Beach, Oregon

Date/Time: 11/04/2009 at 5:24 p.m.

Victim: Kasey Deckard, age 36 of Waldport

Arrested: Diana Lee Bunch, age 24 of Newport

Details: On 11/04/2009, at about 5:24 p.m., Newport Police Officers were dispatched to the 4800 block of Hwy 101 in South Beach on a reported head-on traffic collision. Upon arrival, officers found two vehicles blocking both north- and south-bound lanes of traffic. Both vehicles had significant front-end damage. The investigation revealed that Diana Bunch was driving a 2005 Toyota Camry, travelling north in the south bound lane of travel, without her headlights on. Bunch collided head-on with a 1995 Geo Metro driven by Kasey Deckard. Mr. Deckard was trapped in his vehicle and had to be extricated by Newport Fire and Rescue. He was then transported to Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital in Newport with major internal injuries, and fractured legs, arm, and pelvis. He was later transported by Life Flight to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland. He is listed in critical condition. Ms. Bunch received no injuries. During the investigation, officers noticed Ms. Bunch displayed signs of impairment. Ms. Bunch was arrested and lodged at the Lincoln County Jail for DUII, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering, and Assault II. Her bail was set at \$295,000.00.

Newport Police were assisted at the scene by the Newport Fire Department, Pac West Ambulance, and the Lincoln County Major Crash Team (comprised of members from the Newport Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Toledo Police Department, Lincoln City Police Department, Lincoln County District Attorney's Office, and Oregon State Police). The ODOT Incident Command assisted by providing traffic control. The Highway was closed for approximately two and one-half hours.

#

Information Released By: **Sgt. Todd R. Sarazin, 541-574-3348**