

## **Sheriff's Office Seeking leads in Hit and Run Auto/Ped crash**

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The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is seeking help from the public in identifying the motor vehicle and its operator that struck a 16-year-old male runner in the vicinity of Parkdale and Meserve roads in the Rainier area last Wednesday afternoon (09/19/2012). Previous reports indicating he was on the cross country team were incorrect.

The youth was struck from behind and was knocked unconscious for a period of time, but was able to make his way to the Rainier High School offices, where he reported the crash to his father. He was later taken to St. John Hospital in Longview with multiple bruises to his back, shoulder blade, and thigh. Deputies responded to the area upon learning of the crash but were unfruitful in their efforts to identify a suspect. The investigation showed that the crash had occurred during a detour of traffic from a commercial truck incident at Highway 30 and the Lewis and Clark Bridge.

The incident occurred between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., during a time when there would have been multiple cars in the area of the school. "Running someone down from behind and leaving him there is the kind of behavior our society must not tolerate," said Sheriff Jeff Dickerson. "We are asking for anyone who might know anything about this to call our tip line at 503-366-4698 and leave a message for the investigator in this case, Deputy Bill Haas."

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