

One Dies, three injured in Alcohol Related Crash

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One man died and three others were injured in a two-vehicle crash on Scappoose-Vernonia Rd. yesterday afternoon.

A Columbia County Sheriff's deputy medical examiner pronounced Yuriy Zagorulko, 31, Portland, dead at the scene in what deputies are calling an alcohol-related crash. Zagorulko's two passengers were transported to the hospital, one with serious injuries. The driver of the other vehicle involved in the crash, Kennedy Ragsdale, 40, Vernona was also injured. The passengers in Zagorulko's vehicle were his brother, Andrey Zagorulko, 30, Portland and Aleksey Martynov, 35, Portland. All three injured individuals were taken by ground ambulance to Emanuel Hospital in Portland.

Investigators believe Zagorulko's blue, 2002 Nissan Xterra had been traveling eastbound toward Scappoose on Scappoose-Vernonia Rd. near milepost 3 when the vehicle went off the roadway, then back onto the roadway and into the oncoming lane, where Ragsdale was traveling westbound toward Vernonia. The two vehicles collided, with the Nissan coming to a halt in the middle of the roadway, and Ragsdale's white, 2006 Ford 350 truck went off the roadway and down into a gully.