

Nearly seven months after the car he had been driving crashed and killed a teenaged passenger, a 17-year-old St. Helens youth turned himself in to deputies who were looking for him, bearing a warrant for the juvenile suspect's arrest. The boy was charged with one count of Manslaughter First Degree, one count of Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver, one count of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, and one count of Reckless Driving.

"The juvenile suspect was indicted yesterday by the Columbia County Grand Jury," said Sheriff Jeff Dickerson, "and the intent at this time is to charge the boy in adult court."

The charges against the suspect stem from a DUII-related, single-vehicle crash on Honeyman Rd. July 15, 2008. Sheriff's deputies responded to the scene and found no driver and a deceased female passenger. The deceased passenger was later identified as 17-year-old Molly Irene McCarter of Scappoose.

An investigation lasting more than six months and culminating in Thursday's indictment identified the juvenile male suspect and associated him with intoxication that contributed to the crash.

The Columbia County District Attorney's Office is pursuing charges against the suspect in adult court. Jurisdictional questions should be directed to the district attorney's office.

Teen Driver Indicted for Death in DUI Crash

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