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Hit and Run Suspect Arrested after Running down Bicyclist

Summary of Event:

Today, a man suspected of drunk driving struck a man on a bicycle, left the roadway, and then fled the scene in his van. He was arrested a short time later at his apartment in Aloha

Details of Event:

On Tuesday, February 02, 2010, at 4:01 p.m. deputies received a call of a crash involving a mini-van and a bicycle at the intersection of SW 175th Avenue and SW Washington Street in the community of Aloha. Witnesses reported that the driver of a green Mazda MPV struck a bicyclist, 27-year-old Kevin P. Lynch from Aloha, from behind. The van then ran off the road and struck two mailboxes and a water main. The driver left the scene without stopping his vehicle.

Just prior to the crash, deputies had received a call about a drunk driver in the same area driving a green mini-van. The caller gave the license plate of the vehicle. When deputies heard the witness descriptions of the van that hit Mr. Lynch, they headed for the apartment of the registered owner of the van that was reported earlier.

Deputies contacted 22-year-old Luis Acros-Cardenas in his apartment located at 17420 SW Shaw Street in the community of Aloha. Deputies determined that Mr. Acros-Cardenas was the driver and that he was intoxicated. He was arrested for DUII, Assault III, Hit and Run, and Criminal Mischief; he was booked into the Washington County Jail.

Deputies determined that Mr. Acros-Cardenas struck Mr. Lynch from behind and pushed his bicycle about thirty feet while Mr. Lynch was thrown up and over the top of the van. He was wearing a helmet that cracked on impact and most likely spared him from life-threatening head injuries.

Mr. Lynch was transported to OHSU by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries.

