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Three Car Collision with One Fatality on Canyon Road

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On Sunday, January 8, 2012, at 7:48 p.m., the Beaverton Police Department was called to a three car collision on SW Canyon Road near the 8100 block. There had been one fatality reported by witnesses.

When police arrived they learned the driver of a Toyota Prius had been driving westbound on SW Canyon Road when a Chevy Avalanche, traveling eastbound, crossed the center line, side swiped the Toyota, and collided into an Acura TL sedan.

The Toyota Prius had little damage. The Chevrolet Avalanche had front end damage and the front left wheel had been sheared off the vehicle, while the Acura had extensive driver side damage.

The driver, and sole passenger, of the Toyota was uninjured as were all occupants of the Chevrolet Avalanche.

There were three occupants in the Acura: a mother and her two children. Both the mother and her 15 year old son were transported to Legacy Emanuel Hospital. The woman is in critical condition and the 15 year old had bruises and abrasions and was transported for precautionary reasons.

The third passenger, a 10 year old boy, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

When police arrived all occupants from the Chevrolet Avalanche were standing outside the truck. Initially when officers spoke to the occupants they were not cooperative in readily identifying the driver. As investigators continued to assess the scene and those involved, they determined 38 year old Paige D. Couch of Vancouver, Washington was the driver.

Couch was arrested for Assault IV, Assault III and Manslaughter II. She will be lodged at the Washington County Jail; no mug shot is available at this time.

Officers noticed signs of alcohol impairment and the investigation continues. CART remained on scene and Canyon Road will be closed for another 2-4 hours, approximately. No additional information is available.

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