

# MEDIA RELEASE

## School Bus Driver Arrested for DUI After a Crash with 10 Children Aboard November 13, 2019

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at 8:00 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a traffic crash involving a school bus on SW Old Hwy. 47, near SW Seghers Road. When deputies arrived they found the school bus in a ditch with 12 occupants on the bus; the 20-year-old driver, Jonathan C. Gates of Hillsboro, an adult bus aid, and ten children between the ages of ten and sixteen.

Deputies determined there were no injuries to the occupants of the bus, and the children aboard were students from Forest Grove School District. Deputies discovered Mr.

Gates appeared to be impaired, and he was arrested for DUI-controlled substance. Mr. Gates was transported to the Washington County Jail where he cooperated with investigators. Mr. Gates was later issued a citation in lieu of custody and released. There is no Booking Photo of Mr. Gates available at this time.

Members of the inter-agency Washington County [Crash Analysis Reconstruction Team](#) (CART) responded and are assisting in the traffic crash investigation.



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