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Tyrell Paul Dixon charged with manslaughter following fatal crash in Northeast Portland

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced the filing of a four-count charging document against 28-year-old Tyrell Paul Dixon for recklessly causing the death of 52-year-old Salvador Cruz-Garcia.

Dixon is charged with one count of manslaughter in the second degree, one count of driving under the influence of intoxicants, one count of reckless driving and one count of recklessly endangering another person.

This investigation started on January 25, 2020 when Portland Police received information about a two-vehicle crash near the intersection of Northeast Sandy Boulevard and Northeast 105th Avenue.

According to court documents, officers with the Portland Police Bureau's Major Crash Team identified Dixon as the driver of the vehicle that crashed into Mr. Cruz-Garcia's vehicle. Witnesses told police that after the crash both Dixon and his passenger, his brother, exited the vehicle. Dixon's brother left the scene. Officers later determined his father transported him to the hospital.

During the investigation, law enforcement determined Dixon's vehicle was traveling westbound on Northeast Sandy Boulevard at a high rate of speed, ran a red light at the intersection and impacted Mr. Cruz-Garcia's vehicle as he traveled northbound on Northeast 102nd Avenue and turned onto Northeast Sandy Boulevard with the right of way, according to court documents.

According to court documents, police located Mr. Cruz-Garcia's vehicle with a deep impact intrusion on the passenger side. After the collision, Dixon's vehicle came to a stop and hit a commercial structure.

When an officer contacted and asked Dixon for his driver's license, he handed the officer a debit card, according to court documents. The officer returned the debit card and asked for Dixon's driver's license, however, Dixon once again handed the officer a different debit card. Officers observed other signs of impairment, which included Dixon having a flushed face and blood-shot eyes and observed him swaying side-to-side to the point where he almost fell over, according to court documents.

This case is being investigated by the Portland Police Bureau's Major Crash Team, a part of the Traffic Division.

Like in all criminal and civil matters, electronic copies of court documents, which are not subject to a protective order, are available to the public through the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

No additional information can be released by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office at this time pursuant to the Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct.

A charging document is only an accusation of a crime. Dixon is innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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