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Off-Duty Tigard Officer Injured In Overnight Crash

An off-duty Tigard Police Officer was seriously injured on December 14, when a suspected intoxicated driver slammed into his vehicle. The crash occurred at approximately 1:35 a.m. on Highway US 26 in Hillsboro near the Cornelius Pass exit.

Officer Matthew Barbee was driving home alone after concluding his patrol shift in Tigard when he began to experience vehicle problems. Barbee pulled-off the highway onto the shoulder and called for assistance. While Barbee remained in his vehicle awaiting help to arrive, an SUV slammed into the rear of his vehicle. Barbee sustained serious injuries and was transported by helicopter to a Portland area trauma center and continues to receive care.

The driver responsible for the crash remained at the scene. The Hillsboro Police Department and Washington County CART are investigating the crash. Charges are pending while the investigation continues.