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Jack Dean Whiteaker arraigned on manslaughter charge following the death of Cayla Wilson

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced 61-year-old Jack Dean Whiteaker appeared before Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Shelley D. Russell and was arraigned on a single count of manslaughter in the first degree.

In the indictment, which was filed on July 20, 2018, it is alleged that Whiteaker unlawfully and recklessly, under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, caused the death of Cayla Wilson by driving onto and over her car with his Jeep, which crushed her inside her vehicle.

Ms. Wilson died on March 30, 2018 as a result of the injuries she sustained in the crash.

According to previously filed court documents, at 2:46 p.m. on April 15, 2010, officers with the Gresham Police Department responded to reports of an injury crash along Southeast Jenne Road near Southeast Jenne Lane. According to the officers, the defendant was traveling southbound into a curve on Southeast Jenne Road at an excessive rate of speed. Whiteaker lost control of his vehicle, went into a sideways slide, regained traction and then drove over the top of Ms. Wilson's 1990 Buick sedan, which had been traveling northbound. Wilson, who was 19 years old at the time, was lawfully traveling in her lane. Whiteaker's vehicle tore open and crushed the driver's compartment of Ms. Wilson's vehicle. She sustained critical injuries.

Whiteaker was prosecuted in 2010 for what was then the assault of Ms. Wilson. As a result of her death, a grand jury returned a true bill that initiated this homicide prosecution.

At his arraignment on Monday, Whiteaker was appointed a criminal defense attorney, and a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf.

His next court date is set for October 1, 2018.

An indictment is only an accusation of a crime, and all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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