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Grand jury charges driver with manslaughter following deadly crash in Southeast Portland

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that 64-year-old William Craig Leptich appeared in Multnomah County Circuit Court and was arraigned on a four-count indictment.

The indictment in this case, which was filed on November 21, 2018, charges Leptich with one count of manslaughter in the second degree, reckless driving and two counts of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

This investigation began on October 26, 2018, when officers with the Portland Police Bureau received information about a crash that had occurred near the intersection of Southeast 146th Avenue and Southeast Stark Street. The pedestrian, later identified as Mr. Darnell Jolly, suffered life-threatening injuries. Mr. Jolly died as a result of the injuries he sustained in the crash on October 28, 2018.

According to the indictment, the defendant recklessly caused the death of Mr. Jolly by operating his motor vehicle while under the influence of a combination of alcohol and a controlled substance.

The defendant's next court date is scheduled for January 7, 2018.

A copy of the indictment and probable cause affidavit can be obtained using case number 18CR71862 in the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

An indictment is only an accusation of a crime, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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