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### **Indictment filed in April 9, 2018 vehicular homicide investigation**

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that a three count indictment was filed against 21 year-old Kyle Herglund following a vehicular homicide investigation conducted by the Portland Police Bureau.

Herglund appeared before Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Leslie G. Bottomly on December 19 at the Multnomah County Justice Center and was arraigned on the indictment.

The indictment, which was filed on December 19, 2018, charges Herglund with manslaughter in the second-degree, driving under the influence of intoxicants, and reckless driving.

It is alleged in the indictment that on April 9, 2018, the defendant operated a motor vehicle in a reckless manner, which resulted in the death of 16-year-old James Freeman.

Officers with the Portland Police Bureau's Traffic Division arrested Herglund on December 18, 2018 at approximately 4 p.m. in the 2600 block of Southeast 119<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Portland, Oregon.

This investigation started on April 9, 2018 when officers assigned to the Portland Police Bureau responded to the 14700 block of Southeast Foster Road after receiving information of a single vehicle crash.

Upon arrival, law enforcement located a vehicle down an embankment. While officers were investigating, they located a person, later identified as Mr. Freeman, pinned under the vehicle, according to information previously released by the Portland Police Bureau.

Law enforcement contacted Herglund at the scene and determined he was the driver, according to information previously released by the Portland Police Bureau. Herglund was transported by ambulance to receive medical treatment for injuries he sustained during the crash. The Portland Police Bureau previously stated that Herglund's blood alcohol content was .12%.

The defendant's next court date is scheduled for January 29, 2019.

A copy of the indictment in case number 18CR84056 can be obtained using the Oregon eCourt Information (OECI) system.

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

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