**PRESS RELEASE**

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Subject: Fatal Crash on Highway 26

On 03/07/2021 at about 3:00 PM, Warm Springs Tribal Police responded to a 3-car motor vehicle crash on Highway 26 near milepost 81, which resulted in the death of two Oregon drivers.

Erik George McDaniel, 31 of Culver, was traveling eastbound on Highway 26 in his 1997 Chevrolet pickup. For an unknown reason, McDaniel crossed over the center line into oncoming traffic striking a 2017 Chevrolet Silverado driven by 61-year old Brian Bishop. Bishop’s vehicle flipped onto its side as a result of the crash.

After striking Bishop’s Silverado, McDaniel crashed head-on into a 1993 Dodge pickup driven by Oregon City resident Heath Heimbigner, 46. McDaniel died upon impact. Heimbigner passed away at the scene as a result of his injuries.

Three passengers including Marcie Heimbigner, 45 and Heimbigner’s two children were transported to area hospitals for injuries sustained in the crash. Marcie Heimbigner is still listed in critical condition.

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