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The Jackson County District Attorney's Office announced today that Kyle Leon Miller has entered a guilty plea in Jackson County Circuit Court on May 11, 2017. Mr. Miller entered pleas of guilt to criminally negligent homicide, failure to perform duties of a driver to an injured person, and driving under the influence of intoxicants. Mr. Miller was sentenced by Judge David Hoppe to 55 months in the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections with 3 years of post-prison supervision, a requirement to pay restitution, and a permanent revocation of his Oregon Driver's License.

The Jackson County Grand Jury indicted Mr. Miller on December 8, 2016. The indictment was a result of Mr. Miller's actions on December 5, 2016.

On December 5, 2016 at approximately 7:04pm, police officers were dispatched to a report of a hit and run involving a pedestrian on Highway 62. Michael Sheridan, who had been crossing the highway near the North Medford Fred Meyer, was pronounced dead on scene at 7:12pm. Several other cars had stopped to allow Mr. Sheridan to cross the road. Witnesses reported Mr. Miller's vehicle was travelling westbound on Highway 62 at a speed between 45 to 50 mph in the inside lane, when Mr. Miller struck Mr. Sheridan. Mr. Miller made no attempt to stop prior to the collision and continued driving westbound. Mr. Sheridan had reached the median between the eastbound and westbound lanes of Highway 62 when he turned toward Mr. Miller's car. Two of the witness statements indicated a belief that Mr. Sheridan stepped in front of the vehicle. Other statements and evidence contradicted those statements.

One witness who was travelling behind Mr. Miller's vehicle at the time of the collision followed Mr. Miller through the downtown Medford area. The witness provided emergency dispatchers with updates as Mr. Miller continued to drive through the area until being stopped by law enforcement at W. Main and N. Oakdale. Mr. Miller's car was significantly damaged, but Mr. Miller himself sustained no injuries.

Mr. Miller was arrested and taken into custody. During this encounter Mr. Miller appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants. After consenting to a drug recognition evaluation, was found to be impaired by controlled substances. During the interview process, Mr. Miller admitted

using marijuana and heroin earlier that day. A toxicological analysis revealed methamphetamine, marijuana, and morphine in his blood and/or urine.

At sentencing today a letter was read from Mr. Sheridan's family that stated, "It is our wish that Kyle Leon Miller makes good use of his time in prison in pursuit of the tools to help him become more responsible citizen upon his release. Meanwhile, my husband and I will continue to work through our grieving process; because while Kyle's family are still able to enjoy there son, we, sadly can no longer enjoy our son, Michael. Lastly, we hope Kyle Leon Miller will remember what he has done and learn to be a better person because of this tragic event."

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