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Salem Police investigate serious injury collision

Salem, Ore. — On Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at approximately 3:56 p.m., Salem Police responded to a serious injury collision near the intersection of Kuebler BV and 36th AV SE involving six vehicles. Due to the serious nature of the incident, the Salem Police Department Traffic Team responded to conduct a crash reconstruction and investigation.

Witnesses reported the driver of a one-ton truck pulling a loaded dump-trailer was traveling east on Kuebler BV near 36th AV, when it struck a Kia Soul also moving eastbound on Kuebler which was stopped in heavy traffic. The force of the collision caused the Kia to be pushed forward into a Dodge Ram truck. Two additional vehicles ahead of the truck were struck in the chain reaction crash.

Several involved drivers reported minor injuries but did not require a transport to the hospital. A six-year-old child riding in the rear passenger seat of the Kia Soul was transported by ambulance to [Salem Health](#) with life-threatening injuries. The child was later transported by [Life Flight](#) helicopter to a Portland-area hospital for further treatment.

All drivers remained on-scene and are cooperating with the investigation and no arrests or citations have been issued at this time. As an active investigation, no further information on the crash is available at this time.

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