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Pedestrian fatality in afternoon collision

Salem, Ore. — At approximately 2:30 p.m., Salem Police patrol officers responded to the report of a pedestrian versus vehicle collision today at the intersection of [State ST and High ST NE](#).

The preliminary investigation done by the Salem Police Traffic Team determined a pedestrian, identified as Denise Marie Vandyke, age 54, at the southeast corner of the intersection waited to enter the crosswalk at State ST to travel northbound. The driver of a van was stopped at the intersection for a red light, preparing to turn eastbound onto State ST.

Vandyke entered the crosswalk when the electronic pedestrian control device signaled her to proceed. The driver of the van, Teresa Sue Cook, age 57, turned onto State ST, striking Vandyke who was walking within the marked area.

Vandyke was transported by paramedics to Salem Health where she died from the injuries she received in the collision.

Cook remained on the scene and cooperated with officers.

No arrest has been made or citations issued as the Traffic Team investigation into the collision continues. No further information is available for release at this time.

The intersection reopened at approximately 5:30 p.m. after the scene was processed for the investigation and the roadway cleared.

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