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Investigators ask for public's help in locating family of injured bicyclist

Bicyclist dies from injuries

Update 01/20/2024 | 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Barron, the bicycle rider who was found unconscious on January 11 on a sidewalk in northeast Salem, has died. Mr. Barron was transported to Salem Health that Thursday night where he remained until he passed away this morning.

Mr. Barron's family was successfully located prior to his passing.

The Traffic Team investigation into the circumstances of this incident continues, and no further information is available at this time.

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Salem, Ore. — The Salem Police Traffic Team is asking for the public's help in locating the family of a man injured in a bicycle crash.

On January 11 at approximately 9:00 p.m., patrol officers responded to the 3600 block of Portland RD NE on the call of a man lying on the sidewalk with a bicycle next to him. Officers located an unconscious man near the intersection of Portland RD and Northgate AV NE with an injury to his head.

The bicyclist, identified as Juan Martinez Barron, age 61, was transported to Salem Health where he remains in critical condition.

The Traffic Team learned Mr. Barron frequents a homeless camp in the area of Hyacinth AV and Claxter CT NE and has been seen recently riding his green and black mountain bike pulling a small utility trailer.

Efforts have been unsuccessful, however, to locate a family member in the area to notify them of Mr. Barron's accident and life-threatening medical status.

Investigators now turn to the public for assistance with any information that would help contact a family member. If you know Mr. Barron's family or have a way to contact them, please call the Salem Police Tips Line at 503-588-8477.

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