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**Pedestrian Dies After Being Struck by Car**

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A Walla Walla man has died from injuries suffered after being struck by a vehicle last night on Isaacs Avenue at the intersection of Cedar. James A. Kooreny, 77, Walla Walla, was crossing Isaacs last night at about 6:45 p.m. when he was hit by a vehicle driven by Heather A. Tarnasky, 42, Walla Walla. Kooreny was transported to Providence St. Mary Medical Center and died a short time later.

The initial investigation has shown Tarnasky was driving eastbound in the curb lane on Isaacs Avenue in a silver, 2008, Honda Pilot SUV, when her vehicle struck Mr. Kooreny, who was crossing in the marked crosswalk. Tarnasky was arrested following field sobriety tests administered at the scene and lodged in jail for 1 count of Vehicular Homicide. Lab results of her blood alcohol level are pending at this time.

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