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Sheriff Announces Death of Benton County Deputy

CORVALLIS, Ore. – It is with a heavy heart Benton County Sheriff Jef Van Arsdall announces the untimely passing of Benton County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputy Paul Lancaster.

Deputy Lancaster was found deceased in his home in the early morning hours of Thursday, June 10th in Albany, OR.

Deputy Lancaster joined the Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) in January of 2016 as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. In October of 2017, Deputy Lancaster was hired full-time as a Jail Deputy. In March of 2019, Deputy Lancaster transferred to the patrol division.

BCSO expresses its deepest sympathies to Deputy Lancaster's family and friends on their loss, and mourns the loss of a friend and colleague.

The tremendous support we have received from surrounding agencies and the Benton County community has been overwhelmingly warm and generous. We're very grateful for everyone's kindness during this difficult time.

We have no further statements or information to release at this time. We ask that the privacy of Deputy Lancaster's family be respected at this time.

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