

Former Tenino Municipal Judge Arrested for DUI

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A recently retired Tenino Municipal Court judge was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol Saturday night after Thurston County deputies responded to a one-vehicle collision, according to the sheriff's office.

It was Lyman's second DUI arrest in the past three years.

John V. Lyman, of Olympia, was contacted by deputies on the 3300 block of Yelm Highway Southeast shortly after 10 p.m. after Lyman had allegedly driven his car into a ditch, said Lt. Greg Elwin, spokesman for the Thurston County Sheriff's Office.

The 68-year-old retired as the judge of both Tenino and Tumwater municipal court in early March, Elwin said.

As a municipal court judge, he presided over the cities' misdemeanor cases, including DUI arrests.

Lyman registered blood-alcohol levels of .136 and .141 Saturday night, Elwin said.

He was cited and released by deputies, which is standard procedure for the agency, Elwin said. His car was impounded.

Lyman was arrested in September 2010 after he crashed into a parked car in the Tumwater Valley Golf Club restaurant parking lot, then crashed into another vehicle that was stopped at a stoplight at Yelm Highway and Henderson Boulevard, according to The Olympian's 2011 story about Lyman's sentencing.

Lyman continued to serve as judge in Tumwater and Tenino municipal court following his arrest.

He received a deferred sentence, meaning the charges would have been dismissed after he completed two years of intensive outpatient alcohol treatment and three additional years of probation, according to The Olympian.