
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: 2011-1486

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 03/01/2011 at 14:12 hours

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 03/02/2011 at 13:00 hours

NATURE OF STORY: Search and Rescue Mission – Overdue Subject

LOCATION: South of Mapleton –
North Fork of Smith River Coast Range area

DETAILS: Subject: Carter, Gary - 48 year old male
1115 Laurel Court, Florence, OR

The Lane County Sheriff's Office received a call of an overdue motorist who had originally contacted his wife via cell phone to report that he had been involved in a single vehicle accident. He also advised that he was on foot with his dog, very cold and in need of help after spending Monday night out in the open. When requested to call 911 for a cell phone "locate", his call went to Douglas County 911 who was unable to process this request.

Lane County Search and Rescue, assisted by Siuslaw Valley Fire/ Rescue, and Oregon State Police worked the 5 hour search to locate Carter. He was located approximately 2.5 miles from his vehicle in 2 feet of snow on USFS road 4820 north of the Smith River drainage. He was moderately hypothermic when located. Due to deep snow he had to be carried by litter approximately ½ mile to 4-wheel drive vehicles then transported to an awaiting medic unit down hill and out of the snow at 22:32 hours. Carter was then transported to Florence for evaluation. The dog was also rescued and returned to family members.

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