

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER: 2010-1546**

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 03/06/2010 @ 2:44 PM**

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 03/06/2010 @ 6:45 PM**

**NATURE OF STORY: Death Investigation / Drowning**

**LOCATION: Willamette River between Jasper and Clearwater Landing**

**DECEASED: Essary, Brandon Dale 50 yr old Eugene, OR**

**INVOLVED/SURVIVING: Clevenger, William Eugene, OR**

### **DETAILS:**

**On 03/06/2010 at about 2:44 PM the Lane County Sheriff's Office responded with area Fire and EMS personnel to a report of a drowning on the Willamette River. Essary and Clevenger had launched their canoe at Jasper and were planning on floating to the Clearwater Landing in Springfield. Upon encountering some rapids in the river the canoe tipped over and both men went into the river. Essary was unable to self-rescue. Clevenger was able to pull Essary from the river, but was unable to revive him. Clevenger had to leave Essary in order to call for emergency services assistance. EMS staffs arrived and were led to Essary by Clevenger. Essary was pronounced deceased by EMS staff at about 3:12 PM.**

**There were Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's / Lifejackets) in the canoe for both men, however, neither man was wearing one when the canoe tipped over.**

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