

## **NEWS RELEASE**



**Russel E. Burger, Sheriff  
Lane County Sheriff's Office  
125 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, OR 97401  
(541) 682-4150 / FAX (541) 682-4522  
Email: sheriffs.office@co.lane.or.us**

**CASE NUMBER: 2008-3033**

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 04/23/2008 - 11:27PM**

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 04/24/2008 - 2:00PM**

**NATURE OF STORY: Three Stranded Motorists**

**LOCATION: BLM Road 19-5-31 near Wolf Point  
Coast Range**

### **INVOLVED:**

**Gaston, Eric Christopher, 24 year old - 958 Ellsworth St., Eugene  
Lawson, Kimberly Ann, 20 year old - 958 Ellsworth St., Eugene  
Crandall, Kayla Morgan Lee, 19 year old - 4175 Wagner, Eugene**

### **DETAILS:**

The three subjects listed above drove two vehicles into the BLM 19 road system with the intent of driving primitive roads. They left their residence at 18:00 hours with the intent to return at or around 20:00 hours. The three were reported overdue by one of their parents at 11:30PM 04/23/2008.

During the search it was determined by investigation that the subjects may have gone to the Battle Creek area to off road drive. A deputy conducted a road search for signs of the subjects until 02:30 hours on 04/24/2008. We continued search at daylight with three trucks and were assisted by the overdue subjects when they hiked up a hill and acquired cell phone coverage and called out their general location, six miles south of Battle Creek. Search crews located them and transported them back to the Crow area.

No injuries were reported.

Per statements provided by the three, they proceeded approximately 1 mile down an unmaintained spur road to an open area, attempted to turn around and drive out and became stuck in the clay. They spent the night in their vehicles and walked out to near Wolf Point and acquired cell phone coverage and called out for assistance.

**For additional information contact:**

**John Miller, Search and Rescue Coordinator at (541) 682-8544**

**Prepared by: John Miller**

**###**