

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**CASE NUMBER: 07-3806**

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: May 5, 2007 @ 12:29 a.m.**

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**NATURE OF STORY: Fatal & Serious Injury Traffic Collision**

**LOCATION: London Rd & Mile Post 5, Cottage Grove**

**DECEASED: Ashley Jo Rogers, Dob 11-12-1988  
Cottage Grove**

**INVOLVED PASSENGERS: Justin Tyler Raines, Dob 08-06-1988  
Serious Injuries, Admitted to Sacred Heart**

**Lindsay Leigh-Anne Pique, Dob 03-30-1988  
Serious Injuries, Admitted to Sacred Heart**

**Danyelle D. Vriesman, Dob 11-15-1987  
Serious Injuries, Admitted to Sacred Heart**

**Molly Patricia Walters, Dob 03-08-1987  
Serious Injuries, Admitted to Sacred Heart**

**Dawn Nicole Paullin, Dob 06-03-1988  
Serious Injuries, Admitted to Sacred Heart**

**DETAILS: The Lane County Sheriffs Office and Cottage Grove responded to a single vehicle traffic collision on London Rd near Mile Fire Post 5 at approximately 12:29 a.m. A 1994 Ford Escort driven by Ashley Rogers left the roadway and struck a large tree on the West shoulder head on. Rogers was pronounced dead at the scene by attending Medics.**

**Some of The remaining five teenage passengers had to be extricated from the vehicle. There were multiple ambulances needed to handle all of the involved patients. Sacred Heart Hospital was advised to prepare for multiple trauma activations due to the nature of the injuries involved. All five passengers were admitted to Sacred Heart Hospital with serious injuries.**

**Seatbelts do appear to have been in use, however there were more passengers than seatbelts available in the vehicle. One of the involved passengers was on the lap of another passenger in the rear seat. The drivers side air bag also deployed in this collision.**

**Preliminary investigation lead Sheriffs Deputies to believe alcohol and speed may be a factor in this collision. Additional statements from involved parties lead Deputies also to believe the driver may have been using a cellular phone at the time of the collision. This investigation is on-going, the collision is being investigated by the Lane County Sheriffs Office Traffic Safety Team.**

**For additional information contact: Sergeant Fred Swank at 682-2030.**

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