

NEWS RELEASE

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CASE NUMBER: 08-5341.

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: July 17, 2008 @ 9:27 a.m.

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NATURE OF STORY: Fatal Traffic Collision

LOCATION: Hills Creek Road & MP 3.6
Springfield

DECEASED: Philpatrick James Riley
DOB 05-15-1974 - Springfield

DETAILS: The Lane County Sheriff's Office along with Pleasant Hill Fire & Medics responded to a traffic collision on Hills Creek Road near Mile Post 3.6. An area resident reported a motorcycle down an embankment. Responding units located a Maroon 1977 Yamaha motorcycle 38 feet down the embankment. The motorcycle and operator left the roadway and collided with several trees prior to coming to rest. The motorcycle operator was located near the motorcycle and was pronounced dead at the scene by attending EMT's. The actual date and time of the collision are unknown.

Deputies located documents at the collision scene identifying the motorcyclist as 34-year-old James Riley Philpatrick. Riley had been reported missing by his family to the Springfield Police on July 12, 2008 at approximately 12 noon. Additionally the motorcycle was registered to Riley. Investigation revealed Riley had left the roadway when he failed to negotiate a curve. Evidence of alcohol use was found at the collision scene and alcohol may be a factor in this collision.

Lane County Search & Rescue and Mountain Rescue units responded to the scene along with the Lane County Medical Examiner's Office to aid in the recovery effort.

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