

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 09-5949

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 08/01/09/0347 hrs

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NATURE OF STORY: Death Investigation

LOCATION: Dale Kuni Road & Melton Road - Creswell

DETAILS: On August 1, 2009, at approximately 3:47 am the South Lane Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire at a gravel turnout area, just south of the intersection of Dale Kuni Road & Melton Road, and just north of the Creswell Airport.

Fire personnel were able to suppress the fire and after doing so discovered the remains of a badly burned deceased human.

Investigators from the Lane County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, the Fire Marshal's Office, the District Attorney's Office and the Medical Examiner's Office are conducting the investigation.

The cause and origin of the fire are not known at this time and will be investigated by the State Police and Fire Marshal's Office. The cause of death will be investigated by the medical examiners.

These types of investigations are a slow tedious process and will take some time. Answers may not be available until the end of next week. Positive identification has not been completed yet and may take some time as well.

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