

NEWS RELEASE



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

CASE NUMBER: 09-6244

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 08-11-2009 / 5:25 PM

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 08-11-2009 / 8:30 PM

NATURE OF STORY: Fatal Vehicle Crash

LOCATION: 88000 block Ellmaker Road, Veneta

INVOLVED: Miller, Melissa Leann (Deceased)
DOB: 07-20-1979
Noti, Oregon

DETAILS:

The Lane County Sheriff's Office and Lane County Fire District #1 responded to a reported vehicle crash in the 88000 block of Ellmaker Road in Veneta. Deputies and fire/medical staff found the driver of the involved vehicle deceased at the scene.

The crash involved only one vehicle, a 1997 Oldsmobile 4-door sedan. The vehicle was operated by Miller who was alone in her vehicle. Initial investigation and witness' interviews indicate Miller was traveling south on Ellmaker Road when she veered off the road; colliding with driveway abutments, fencing and trees. It is apparent, both from scene evidence and witness' accounts, excessive speed was a significant factor in the crash.

No evidence was found at the scene to indicate alcohol or drug impairment, although it has not been ruled out and toxicology tests will be conducted by the Medical Examiner.

Prepared by: Lieutenant Byron Trapp