

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER: 09-7142**

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: September 12, 2009**

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**NATURE OF STORY: Air Plane Crash**

**LOCATION: 83869 N. Pacific Hwy - Creswell, Oregon**

**PILOT: Thomas, Jeffrey Norman, 55  
Springfield, Oregon**

**PASSENGER: Thomas, Sheryl Ann, 56  
Springfield, Oregon**

**DETAILS: On September 12, 2009 at 12:34 p.m., area residents reported a plane had crashed into an open field near N. Pacific Highway and Dale Kuni Road. Lane County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the scene along with Goshen Fire and South Lane Fire. The Pilot, Jeffrey Thomas, and passenger, Sheryl Thomas, received minor injuries and were transported to RiverBend Hospital.**

**Preliminary investigation indicates that the pilot lost power after take-off from the Creswell Airport. The pilot attempted to return to the airport, but continued to lose power and was forced to land in the field. The plane tipped over on impact and landed on its top. NTSB is continuing to investigate the cause of the crash.**

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