



NEWS RELEASE

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CASE NUMBER: 08-8526

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: October 28, 2008

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NATURE OF STORY: Injury Traffic Collision

LOCATION: Marcola Road & Old Mohawk Road

**INVOLVED: Harold C. Babcock, DOB 03-14-1924
Eugene**

**Cole W. Turpin, DOB 12-14-1976
Springfield**

DETAILS: On October 28, 2008 the Lane County Sheriff's Office responded with Mohawk Valley Fire and EMS to a traffic collision on Marcola Road near Old Mohawk Road. The collision was between a 1997 Kenworth log truck and a 2005 Gem Electric Car. Both vehicles were south bound on Marcola Road when the collision occurred. Harold Babcock, the operator of the Gem car was transported by Life Flight helicopter to Riverbend Hospital. Cole Turpin suffered no injuries during the collision. Babcock was admitted to Riverbend and is in Intensive Care due to his injuries.

Investigation revealed both vehicles were traveling south bound on Marcola Road when the collision occurred. Turpin, the driver of the Kenworth, moved over to the North bound lane to pass the other vehicle as it was driving slowly on

the south bound shoulder of Marcola Road. The driver of the Gem car made an abrupt signaled left hand turn in front of the log truck and the two vehicles collided. The portion of Marcola Road where this collision occurred is marked as a passing zone for South bound traffic.

For additional information contact: Sergeant Fred Swank of the Lane County Traffic Safety Team at 682-2030.

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