

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**CASE NUMBER:** 07-09425

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** November 8, 2007 – 1:06 a.m.

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** November 8, 2007 – 8:30 a.m.

**NATURE OF STORY:** **FATAL VEHICLE CRASH**

**LOCATION:** Lorane Highway – Near Mile 3

**INVOLVED:** Unidentified Male Driver  
Unidentified Female Passenger  
Vehicle: 2005 BMW Coupe

### **DETAILS:**

Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to a single vehicle crash on Lorane Highway near mile 3 southwest of Eugene at 0106 this morning. The vehicle left the roadway on a curve, struck a tree and caught fire. When responding deputies and fire personnel arrived, the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames.

Two persons were found deceased inside the vehicle, a male driver and female passenger. Sheriff's deputies and the Lane County medical examiner are continuing the investigation into the identity of the vehicle occupants.

It is unknown if alcohol is a contributing factor to the crash, however, preliminary investigation indicates excessive speed and limited visibility due to fog were contributing factors. The Sheriff's Office and medical examiner's office are continuing the investigation.

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