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**LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER:** 12-36  
**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** 01/2/12 8:27 pm  
**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** 01/3/12 10:00 am  
**NATURE OF STORY:** Fatal Traffic Crash  
**LOCATION:** River Road at Browns Landing, south of Junction City  
**VICTIM:** Daniel Ball, 56, of Junction City  
**VICTIM:** Blake D. Paltz, 19, of Junction City

**DETAILS:**

The driver of the second vehicle involved in a head-on traffic crash that took place last night on River Road has died in a local hospital of injuries sustained in the crash.

Nineteen year old Blake Paltz had been critically injured in the crash at about 8:30 last night, and has succumbed to his injuries while receiving emergency treatment. The cause of the crash is still under investigation by the Lane County Sheriff's Office and the Medical Examiner's Office.

**Prepared by: Capt. Bill Thompson**