

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER:** 08-500 3:05 PM

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** 01/23/08 5:00 PM

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** 01/23/08 8:00 PM

**NATURE OF STORY:** **MISSING PERSON IDENTIFIED**  
**FATAL TRAFFIC COLLISION**

**LOCATION:** Jasper Lowell Road & Mile Post 2.5  
Fall Creek - Oregon

**INVOLVED:** Anthony Vincent Grayson (Tony)  
DOB 05/03/1988 - Deceased

### **DETAILS:**

The Lane County Sheriff's Office took a missing persons report on Sunday 01/20/08. Anthony Grayson (Tony) was last seen on Friday 01/18/08. He left his house in the Fall Creek area shortly after 1:00 PM and was going to work. Grayson never reported to work for his afternoon shift. He worked for a security company at Hynix in West Eugene.

Deputies from the Lane County Sheriffs Office searched Grayson's route of travel by vehicle and were unable to locate him or his vehicle. On January 23, a search was conducted by Deputies on-foot along Jasper Lowell Road with assistance from the Lane County Sheriff's Marine Patrol and the Sheriff's Office Helicopter. Deputies checked numerous locations and located some vehicle debris along the bank of the Willamette River near Mile Post 2.5 along Jasper Lowell Road.

Divers from the Lane County Dive Team and members of Lane County Search and Rescue were dispatched to the scene. Divers conducted an intense search of the bottom of the river and located Grayson's 2000 white 4-door Ford Crown Victoria completely submerged in the Willamette River. Grayson's vehicle was not visible from the roadway or from the bank of the river. The vehicle was pulled from the river with assistance from a local tow company as well as the Sheriff's Office Dive Team.

Divers located Anthony Vincent Grayson inside of his vehicle, seat belted in the driver's seat. Jasper Lowell Road was closed for several hours as Grayson's vehicle was recovered. The Lane County Medical Examiners Office responded; Grayson was pronounced deceased at the scene. This collision is under investigation by the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Preliminary investigation revealed where Grayson's vehicle struck a large tree on the bank of the Willamette River prior to coming to rest in the river. This investigation is on-going, alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this collision.

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