

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER: 08-531**

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 01-21-2008 @ 3:58 PM**

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 02-20-2008 @ 4:10 PM**

**NATURE OF STORY: Arrest made in the shooting of Rosie the Dog**

**LOCATION: Creswell**

**INVOLVED: 12-year-old male (11 at the time of the incident) - name being withheld pending ongoing investigation**

### **DETAILS:**

**On January 21, 2008 the Lane County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of the shooting of a dog in a Creswell neighborhood. There was no Creswell Contract Deputy on duty at that time. Deputies from the Main Office were responding to two priority calls involving threat to human life prior to handling this call in Creswell.**

**Deputies took the initial report and conducted an area canvass for additional witnesses. Though several people heard the shot, there were no eyewitnesses located. The deputies assigned to the City of Creswell contract for police services have continued to conduct additional follow up on the case and have conducted increased patrols of the neighborhood, though it is just outside the City Limits.**

**On February 20, 2008 Deputy Patrick O'Neill, one of the two deputies contracted to Creswell, conducted a follow-up investigation with a 12-year-old boy who had been contacted by the initial responding deputies the night of the incident. During this follow-up investigation Deputy O'Neill established that the boy had a pellet rifle and was responsible for shooting the dog.**

**The weapon is a pump action air rifle capable of firing either a 4.55 BB or a .177 caliber bullet. The weapon has been seized as evidence in this case.**

**The boy was arrested for Animal Abuse and released into the custody of his father. The report will be sent to the Department of Youth Services for their review and determination of further action.**

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