

NEWS RELEASE

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CASE NUMBER: 08-3458

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: May 11, 2008 – 8:38 PM – Stop Attempt
Crash Occurred – 8:54 PM

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: May 11, 2008 – 11:52 PM

NATURE OF STORY: **Traffic Collision**

LOCATION: McKenzie Highway at Milepost 21

INVOLVED: Stacie Mitchell - 44 yr old female/Eugene
Driver of 2006 Ford Escape, Blue

David Fenley – 25 yr old/Leaburg
Driver of 1999 Honda Civic, White
Broken arm, knee and chest injuries

Kelly Fenley – 25 yr old/Leaburg
Right-rear passenger of 1999 Honda Civic
Transported to Sacred Heart ER where she
delivered her healthy, full-term baby.

Michaele Feeney - 60 yr old/Anchorage, AK
Left-rear passenger of 1999 Honda Civic

James Feeney - 65 yr old/Anchorage, AK
Right-front passenger of 1999 Honda Civic

DETAILS:

On May 11, 2008 at about 8:38 PM two Sheriff's patrol cars were northbound on Bob Straub Parkway at Main Street after having just cleared a call for service. As the first patrol car went through the intersection it was nearly struck by the Blue Ford Escape which was eastbound on Main Street and had failed to stop for a red light. The second Sheriff's patrol car attempted to make a traffic stop on the Ford Escape, but the vehicle did not pull over. The vehicle did not speed up or give any indication of trying to willfully evade the deputy, but continued eastbound on Main Street/McKenzie Highway. The vehicle continued at a fairly consistent speed of 50 to 60 mph. At milepost 21 the vehicle drifted into the oncoming lane of travel and struck the listed white Honda head on.

The statements from the occupants of the white Honda indicate that they were able to see the police car lights coming toward them and had begun to slow down and pull to the right in order to yield, but they did not ever see the Ford Escape until it struck them, as it was operating without lights.

Stacie Mitchell (the driver of the Blue Ford Escape) was barely responsive at the scene and was determined to be suffering from a medical issue; she was transported to McKenzie-Willamette ER for treatment of this pre-existing medical issue, but did not appear to have suffered any injury in the crash.

David Fenley (driver of the white Honda) was transported to Sacred Heart ER with the listed injuries.

Kelly Fenley suffered no injuries in the crash, however she was 9 months pregnant and her water broke. She was transported to Sacred Heart ER where she delivered a healthy baby.

The Feeney's were transported for evaluation but had no obvious injury.

McKenzie Highway was completely closed for about 3.5 hours while the crash scene was investigated. ODOT Incident Response was on scene and assisted with traffic control. One lane of travel was re-opened at about midnight.

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