

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 09-97.

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: January 5, 2009 @ 8:07 p.m.

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: January 5, 2009 @ 10:30 p.m.

NATURE OF STORY: Fatal Traffic Collision

LOCATION: Poodle Creek Road & Mile Post 4, Noti.

DECEASED: Name withheld pending family notification

DETAILS: The Lane County Sheriff's Office along with Lane Rural Fire, and Medics from Eugene Fire Department responded to a single vehicle traffic collision on Poodle Creek Road at Mile Post 4 in Noti at approximately 8:07 p.m. Responding personnel located a 1996 Nissan Sedan on the East shoulder of Poodle Creek Road. Reach Air Ambulance was also placed on stand-by. The involved driver had failed to negotiate an S curve in the roadway with a suggested speed of 45 MPH. The vehicle left the roadway and collided sideways with a large tree on the East shoulder.

The involved driver was pronounced dead at the scene and was entrapped inside the vehicle. Investigation revealed no other occupants in the vehicle and alcohol does not appear to be a factor. Air Bags deployed inside of the vehicle and the driver was wearing a safety belt. This collision investigation is on-going, the involved driver's name is being withheld until notification can be made to next of kin.

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