

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 09-5632

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 07-21-09, 6:40 pm

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NATURE OF STORY: Fatal Traffic Crash

LOCATION: Shoreview Road, near Garoutte Road

VICTIM: Curtis James Kleine, 22, of Sutherlin

DETAILS: On July 21, 2009 at approximately 6:40 PM Lane County Sheriff's deputies were called to the area of Shoreview Road near Garoutte Road in southeastern Lane County in response to a report of a traffic crash.

Initial reports indicated that a motorcycle had left the roadway and the operator was seriously injured. The driver, identified as 22-year-old Curtis J. Kleine of Sutherlin was transported by ambulance to a hospital in Springfield. Kleine died shortly after arriving at the hospital.

The motorcycle Kleine had been operating broke into pieces in the crash and was found down a steep embankment and well off the roadway. Deputies are exploring the possibility that alcohol may have been a factor in the crash. The investigation, by the Lane County Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office/Medical Examiner, is continuing.

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