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CASE NUMBER: 09-7865

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NATURE OF STORY: Luper Cemetary Vandalism

**LOCATION: Luper Pioneer Cemetary
West Beacon Road – Eugene OR**

ARRESTED: Dezeeuw, Katie Marie (age 18) - Eugene OR

DETAILS:

On October 12, 2009 the Sheriff's Office received a report of vandalism at Luper Pioneer Cemetery. Volunteers cleaning up the cemetery on that date found headstones overturned and broken. Media coverage of the incident prompted numerous calls from the public who provided information that ultimately led to the recovery of two stolen headstones and additional information regarding the persons responsible for the vandalism.

During the investigation, Sheriff's Deputies identified the above listed subject (Dezeeuw) as having participated in the vandalism. On October 22, 2009, Dezeeuw was arrested at her Eugene home for Theft I, Criminal Mischief I, Criminal Trespass II, Abuse of a Memorial to the Dead and Tampering with Evidence. Dezeeuw is currently lodged in the Lane County Jail.

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