

NEWS RELEASE

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CASE NUMBER: 07-5463

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: June 27, 2007 @ 1:46 p.m.

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NATURE OF STORY: Serious Injury Traffic Collision

**INVOLVED: Walsh, Michael Patrick, Dob 04-11-1980
McKenzie Bridge**

**LOCATION: Blue River Road & ½ Mile from Blue River
Drive. Blue River**

DETAILS: The Lane County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Team and McKenzie Fire responded to a single vehicle collision on Blue River Road a half mile from Blue River Drive. Responding Deputies and Medics located 27 year old Michael Walsh ejected from his 2006 Yamaha motorcycle after he struck a large tree. Life Flight was called and Walsh was flown to Sacred Heart Hospital with serious injuries. Walsh was admitted to the intensive care unit with multiple serious injuries, he was the only person involved in this collision.

Investigation revealed speed to be a factor in this collision. Walsh was traveling at a high rate of speed and failed to negotiate a curve on Blue River Road. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this collision. This investigation is on-going.

For additional information contact: Sergeant Fred Swank of the Lane County Sheriffs Office at 682-2030.

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