

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER: 09-6340**

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 08-15-09, 03:37 am**

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 08-15-09, 10:00 am**

**NATURE OF STORY: Fatal Traffic Crash**

**INVOLVED: Eugene Thomas Luke, 32 – Albany, OR  
Deceased at Scene**

**Ian Andrew Adams, 21 – Junction City, OR  
Hospitalized with serious injuries**

### **DETAILS:**

**On 08-15-09, just after 3:30 am, the Lane County Sheriff's Office and other first responders were advised of a crash on Washburn Lane. Friends of Eugene Luke and Ian Adams were driving the rural roads surrounding Junction City, looking for the two men, who were overdue arriving home. They located Adams' crashed pickup at 3:37 am, off the road in a field on the east side of Washburn Lane just north of milepost one.**

**Units from the Junction City Fire Department and Lane Rural Ambulance responded with the Lane County Sheriff's Office to the incident location where Luke was found deceased. The vehicle had been southbound on Washburn Lane when it left the roadway to the east, went through the ditch and rolled while in the field.**

**Life Flight helicopter transported Adams to Riverbend Hospital where he is being treated for his injuries. The crash remains under investigation by the Lane County Sheriff's Traffic and Life Safety Team. Initial information suggests that speed and alcohol both appear to be contributing factors.**

**Prepared by: Capt. William Thompson**