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CASE NUMBER: 08-8635

DATE / TIME OF INCIDENT: 10-31-08, 11:32 am

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NATURE OF INCIDENT: Shooting Investigation

LOCATION: 06937 Canary Road

SUSPECT: Withheld until next of kin can be notified

VICTIM: Withheld until next of kin can be notified

DETAILS: The investigation into the Friday morning shooting incident on Canary Road southeast of Florence continued through the overnight hours. The investigation was supported by tactical officers of the Oregon State Police. At approximately 2:15 a.m., while executing a search warrant on the premises at 06903 Canary Road., troopers discovered the body of the suspect, dead from an apparent suicide. Preliminary investigation indicates that the victim and the suspect had an ongoing, although relatively minor dispute. The dispute intensified on Friday morning, and resulted in the shooting. Investigators believe the shooting took place on the street in front of 06937 Canary Road. The victim suffered what is believed to be a single gunshot wound to the head and is in extremely critical condition at a Springfield hospital. Canary Road was reopened to traffic at about 3:30 a.m., after having been closed since shortly after the shooting. The investigation is being conducted by the Lane County Sheriff's Office, in consult with the District Attorney's Office and Medical Examiner. The Sheriff's Office anticipates being able to release the names of the victim and suspect by this afternoon.

Prepared by: Captain William Thompson