

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 07-9555

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 11/13/07 - 12:31 PM

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NATURE OF STORY: **FATAL CRASH**

LOCATION: Applegate Trail MP 1.5
Junction City

INVOLVED: 1 male, identity unknown at this time

DETAILS:

A Lane County Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the motorcycle unit of the Traffic Safety Team attempted to stop the operator of a motorcycle on Prairie Road near MP 4. The motorcycle was clocked by radar traveling at 111 mph. The operator failed to stop.

The pursuit continued on Prairie Road and over Highway 99 and onto Highway 36 westbound. The operator of the motorcycle continued traveling at a high rate of speed as the deputy attempted to stop him. Speeds were in excess of 100 mph.

The operator of the motorcycle turned left off of Highway 36 and onto Applegate Trail. The operator continued to elude the deputy again traveling at a high rate of speed.

The operator lost control of the motorcycle at about MP 1.5 on Applegate Trail and crashed into a guardrail. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

The involved motorcycle was a red 2006 Suzuki SV650S.

The identity of the deceased is unknown at this time. Sheriff's deputies continue working on identifying him.

Oregon State Police will be conducting the crash investigation.

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