

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 2010-216

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 01/10/2010 @ 4:15 p.m.

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 01/11/2010 @ 8:30 p.m.

NATURE OF STORY: Fatal Traffic Collision

DECEASED: Jones, Katherine Ann DOB 08-16-1952
Eugene

LOCATION: River Drive & Cloverdale Road, Creswell

DETAILS: Deputies from the Lane County Sheriff's Office responded to a missing person report at 85574 Svarverud Road at 4:17 p.m. on January 10, 2010. Relatives of Katherine Ann Jones were reporting her missing as she had not returned home since the late morning hours of January 9, 2010. Investigation led Deputies to patrol the River Drive area south of Cloverdale Road as this was the last location Jones had been seen driving her 2001 Dodge Stealth, green in color, Oregon License 485 CLU.

Deputies located an area where it appeared that a vehicle left River Drive heading North near Cloverdale Road. The vehicle tracks led down into the Coast Fork of the Willamette River. Additional units from the Sheriff's Office responded, as well as South Lane Fire & Rescue. In the morning hours of January 11, the Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol and Search and Rescue Dive Team units responded to the location and located a vehicle submerged in the river. Additional Sheriff's Office resources were called in and T & M Towing responded with a large tow truck to assist in the recovery operation. At 4:45 p.m. Jones' 2001 Dodge was removed from the river. Katherine

Jones was found inside of her vehicle in the driver's seat and was pronounced dead at the scene by attending EMT's. Investigation has led Deputies to believe alcohol may have been a factor in this collision. This collision investigation is on-going with the assistance of the Lane County Medical Examiner's Office. An autopsy has been scheduled for later this week.

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