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CASE NUMBER: 10-238

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 06-01-2010 / 7:50 PM

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 06-02-2010 / 1:30 PM

NATURE OF STORY: Arrest of driver in fatal traffic crash

LOCATION: Veneta

ARRESTED: Neverick, Shea Schuyler DOB: 11-09-1983
Veneta, OR
CHARGES: Manslaughter 1
Assault 2

INVOLVED: Schiffgens, Stephanie Caroline DOB: 09-13-1971
Veneta, OR

Schiffgens, Elari (3 ½ year-old child of Stephanie killed in crash)

DETAILS:

Lane County Sheriff's deputies arrested Shea Neverick last night at his Veneta home on charges of Manslaughter 1 and Assault 2 following the investigation into a vehicle crash that occurred January 11, 2010 which killed Elari Schiffgens. Neverick was lodged in the Lane County Jail.

BACKGROUND:

Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to a traffic collision at Huston Road and East Bolton Road in Veneta at approximately 4:45 p.m. on January 11, 2010. Responding medical/rescue personnel from Lane County Fire District #1 pronounced three-year-old Elari dead at the scene from injuries suffered in the collision.

Schiffgens and the child were in a 2001 Toyota Sienna van turning onto Huston Road from East Bolton Road. Neverick was the single occupant and driver of a 2001 Ford Mustang. Neverick was traveling south on Huston Road and collided with Schiffgens vehicle. Both Neverick and Schiffgens were transported by ambulance to Sacred Heart Medical Center-RiverBend Hospital where they were treated for injuries sustained in the collision.

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The collision investigation by the Lane County Sheriff's Office Traffic & Life Safety Team determined excessive speed by Neverick was a primary factor in the crash. Alcohol was not a factor in the collision and all involved parties were restrained by safety belts as well as a child safety seat.

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