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CASE NUMBER: 10-311

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 01/14/2010 -2:52 PM

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NATURE OF STORY: Fatal Accident

LOCATION: Ferguson Road / MP 2.5

**VICTIM: Welchel, Kenneth Lorren, DOB 10-22-36
Junction City, Oregon**

DETAILS:

Kenneth Welchel was operating his 1987 Nissan 200SX westbound on Ferguson Road near milepost 2.5. Welchel was the operator and sole occupant of the vehicle.

The vehicle drove off the north side of the roadway on a corner and down the ditch line. The vehicle reentered the roadway, crossed it, and left the roadway becoming airborne off of the south side of the roadway. The vehicle struck a tree coming to rest just prior to entering the Long Tom River.

Welchel was pronounced dead at the scene by medics from the Junction City Fire Department.

The crash remains under investigation and the cause of the crash is currently unknown. Lane County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Team is investigating the crash.

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