

NEWS RELEASE

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CASE NUMBER: 07- 2909

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: April 4, 2007 @ 7:38 p.m.

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: April 5, 2007 @ 6:24 p.m.

NATURE OF STORY: Search and Rescue Mission

**LOCATION: Highway 101 & Mile Post 179
Florence**

**INVOLVED: Jennifer Lynn Halladay, DOB 11-30-79
Florence**

**Sandra Jean Stratton, DOB 06-05-61
Florence**

DETAILS: The Lane County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Siuslaw Fire Department, and the U.S. Coast Guard all responded to a request for assistance North of Florence. A passing motorist had stopped near the Sea Lion Caves overlook and heard a subject yelling for help from down on the cliffs. A motorist used their On Star to call for assistance.

Siuslaw Fire was the first on scene. Initial assessment revealed Jennifer Halladay and Sandra Stratton were both down the cliff from the location. Siuslaw Fire sent personnel down to hoist both of the subjects back up the cliff. The U.S Coast Guard stood by with a Motor Life Boat and Helicopter. Personnel from

all agencies remained on scene till 11:00 p.m. rescuing both subjects. Both subjects were transported to Peace Harbor Hospital where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

Both subjects had climbed over the protective rock wall and walked out to the cliffs edge where they slipped and fell down the cliff. Investigation revealed alcohol to be a factor. Both subjects had been drinking prior to climbing over the rock wall.

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