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**LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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**CASE NUMBER:** 10-3320

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** May 17, 2010 @ 7:51 p.m.

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**NATURE OF STORY:** Robbery I, Theft II, UPCS I Suspect Captured

**LOCATION:** Dilley Landing, Pleasant Hill

**ARRESTED:** Christopher Charles Melby, DOB 05-08-1989  
Springfield, Oregon

**VICTIM:** William Paul Samuelson, Eugene

**DETAILS:** The Lane County Sheriff's Office received a report of a Robbery at Highway 58 and Mathews Road at approximately 7:51 p.m. Deputies responded to the area along with K-9 units from Eugene Police, and Troopers from the Oregon State Police.



Investigation revealed William Samuelson had gone to the area to meet Christopher Melby to purchase a bicycle. Melby had advertised the bicycle for sale on Craig's List. Samuelson drove to Dilley Landing where Melby confronted him with a pistol. Samuelson handed over \$500 in cash and Melby additionally demanded Samuelson hand over his cell phone. Samuelson complied and Melby fled the area on foot. Samuelson drove to the Pacific Pride gas station at 35310 Highway 58 and called 911. He also provided a suspect description and direction of travel to responding Deputies.

Deputies tracked down Melby to an address on Fremont Street near Dilley. Melby was taken into custody and Deputies recovered all \$500 of the stolen money, Samuelson's cell phone and the involved pistol. Additional investigation revealed the involved weapon to be an Air Soft Pistol manufactured to resemble a Beretta hand gun. Melby is lodged at the Lane County Jail for Robbery I, Theft II and UPCS I for possession of Heroin.

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