

NEWS RELEASE

**Russel E. Burger, Sheriff
Lane County Sheriff's Office
125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401
(541) 682-4150 / FAX (541) 682-4522
Email: sheriffs.office@co.lane.or.us**



CASE NUMBER: 2008-3761

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 05/21/2008

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 05/31/2008

NATURE OF STORY: Missing Person/ Drowning

LOCATION: Willamette River at Lanes Turn

INVOLVED: Winters, Robertson Chad, 22 year old

DETAILS:

Winters, who was wearing black or dark colored clothing, went missing and is presumed drowned during a rafting accident on the Willamette River on May 21, 2008. Search and rescue crews as well as the Marine Patrol have conducted surface searches since the afternoon he went missing. Today, May 31, 2008, the Lane County Sheriff's volunteer dive team searched sections of the river bottom for signs of Winters using both a diving visual search and an underwater video camera and monitor. Winters is still missing.

The river boating public who may be recreating on the Willamette River north of Lanes Turn is being asked to call the Sheriff's Office at (541) 682-4150 to report and signs or clues of Winters.

For additional information contact:

John Miller, Search and Rescue Coordinator at 682-8544.