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CASE NUMBER: 07-05715

DATE / TIME OF INCIDENT: 07-07-07 / 1616

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NATURE OF STORY: Death Investigation

INCIDENT LOCATION: Cedar Creek Campground, Bryce Creek Road, mile 4.5

INVOLVED: Deceased: Cross, Jonah Stephen
DOB: 12-14-1976
Veneta, OR 97487

DETAILS:

Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol and South Lane Fire Department responded to a report of a person under water in Brice Creek near Cedar Creek Campground. South Lane Fire Department personnel were able to remove Cross from the bottom in approximately 15 feet of water. He was later pronounced deceased by EMS personnel.

Cross approached a swimming hole near the campground and had a brief conversation with persons in the area regarding water conditions then walked to a rock ledge near the water and jumped in sinking to the bottom. Persons in the area quickly became concerned when Cross did not surface. Several people formed a human chain in an attempt to reach Cross but were unable to get him out of the water.

Cross was fully clothed and wearing a dive weight vest containing approximately 50 lbs of dive weights. He had additional weights on his legs. Cross was contacted by the Sheriff's Office approximately one month ago at his residence and was wearing the same weight equipment. It is unknown if this was a deliberate act by Cross to commit suicide.

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