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



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**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** 07/16/10 - 6:30pm

**NATURE OF STORY:** Death Investigation, LCSO Case Number 10-5028

**LOCATION:** Big Fall Creek Road (Forest Service Road 18) - Milepost 14

**VICTIM:** HOFMANN, ADAM B. - Age 45, of Springfield

**DETAILS:**

Shortly after 8:00am this morning, the Lane County Sheriff's Office was called to a campsite in the Big Fall Creek Recreation area, near milepost 14 of Big Fall Creek Road, in response to a report of a death.

Initial investigation indicates that the victim, Adam B. Hofmann, age 45, of Springfield, was camping with some acquaintances at a dispersed, unimproved campsite above a small waterfall. At some point during the overnight hours, Hofmann, while moving around near the edge of a drop-off above the waterfall, lost his footing and fell about 50 feet into the creek below. His body was discovered in the morning by other campers.

Volunteers from the Lane County Search and Rescue program as well as Eugene Mountain Rescue responded to the scene to assist in recovering Hofmann's body from the steep, rugged terrain. The incident remains under investigation by the Medical Examiner and the Lane County Sheriff's Office; however there is no indication of any illegal activity on the part of Hofmann or his companions.

This is the second incident of a fatality involving persons recreating in isolated areas of Lane County in the last eight days. The Sheriff's Office wishes to remind everyone that many of the areas which make Lane County a haven for outdoor enthusiasts are sometimes hazardous. Persons planning on being in wilderness areas should always use caution on or near waterways, on steep terrain and whenever in remote, unimproved areas.

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