

NEWS RELEASE

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CASE NUMBER: 07-6838

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: August 10, 2007 @ 9:36 p.m.

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: August 11, 2007 @ 8:00 a.m.

NATURE OF STORY: Fatal Traffic Collision

**LOCATION: Blue River Reservoir Road & Mile Post 2
Blue River, OR**

**DECEASED: Strain, Ryan Lee DOB 02-26-1990
Blue River, OR**

DETAILS: The Lane County Sheriff's Office, along with McKenzie Fire responded to Blue River Reservoir Road regarding a serious injury traffic collision. Initial investigation revealed two male juveniles had been riding a Yamaha quad on Blue River Reservoir Road near Mile post 2, when it struck a guard rail. Ryan Lee Strain, 17, of Blue River was thrown from the quad and suffered critical injuries. Strain was air lifted to Sacred Heart Hospital where he was pronounced dead from his injuries.

The other involved male juvenile was taken by ambulance to Sacred Heart Hospital. He was treated for minor injuries and released. Initial investigation revealed alcohol to be a contributing factor on the quad driver's part in this collision. Neither the driver nor passenger were wearing helmets at the time of this collision. This investigation is on going and is being handled by Deputies from the Lane County Sheriff's Office Forest Patrol & Traffic Safety Team.

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