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CASE NUMBER: 08-7168

DATE / TIME OF INCIDENT: 09-14-2008 / 0046

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NATURE OF STORY: Officer Involved Shooting Investigation

**INCIDENT LOCATION: Land Lane, off Garoutte Road
Cottage Grove**

DETAILS:

At approximately 11:45 p.m. on 09-13-08, deputies of the Lane County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a residence on Land Lane, a short road off Garoutte Road, southeast of Cottage Grove. A frightened female resident had called 911 reporting an armed prowler outside her home. Responding deputies were searching the property when they encountered a male subject. The subject was armed with a firearm, and despite the orders of deputies to drop the weapon, he instead raised it toward the deputies. One deputy fired, striking the subject. The deputies summoned emergency aid and the man was transported to a Eugene area hospital, with a single gunshot wound that was not believed to be life-threatening.

For the third time since becoming operational on September 1, the Lane County Interagency Deadly Force Investigations Team was activated to conduct an inquiry into the incident. The team was created pursuant to a 2007 Legislative action directing each county to develop a consistent investigative response to situations where deadly force is used by Oregon law enforcement officers.

The team is comprised of investigators from the Oregon State Police, the Lane County Sheriff's Office and the Eugene and Springfield Police departments, along with the District Attorney's Office. The group is directed by the Oregon State Police with supervision support from the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

The names of the injured suspect and the deputy are not being released at this time, pending further investigation; further details may be available in the afternoon of September 14, or on Monday, September 15.

The Lane County Deadly Physical Force Plan can be viewed on-line at the Lane County Sheriff's Office web site at the following address:

<http://www.lanecounty.org/Sheriff/documents/SB111WebReady.pdf>

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