

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER:** 07-8039

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** 09/20/07 - 3:53 AM

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**NATURE OF STORY:** **FATAL VEHICLE CRASH**

**LOCATION:** Dorsey Lane near HWY 36

**INVOLVED:** 2 males, identities unknown at this time

### **DETAILS:**

The Lane County Sheriff's Office and the Junction City Fire Department responded to a fatal single vehicle crash on Dorsey Lane near Hwy 36.

The involved vehicle, a 1994 Honda 4-door Accord was traveling southbound on Dorsey Lane at a high rate of speed. The driver of the vehicle was unable to negotiate a curve. The vehicle left the roadway and ended up in ditch, upside down.

There were two (2) male occupants in the vehicle at the time of the crash. Both were trapped in the vehicle. The vehicle caught fire shortly after the crash.

A nearby neighbor and Sheriff's deputies attempted to free the occupants from the vehicle. The neighbor broke one of the vehicle windows with a hammer, and Sheriff's deputies attempted to control the fire with fire extinguishers.

The vehicle became fully engulfed with fire before responding personnel could free the trapped occupants from the vehicle. Both occupants were pronounced dead at the scene.

The involved 1994 Honda Accord was confirmed stolen out of Linn County shortly after the crash.

There were gas cans in the vehicle as well as in the trunk. It has been determined that speed was a factor in this crash; it is unknown at this time if alcohol was a contributing factor.

The identities of the deceased are unknown at this time. Sheriff's deputies continue to investigate the crash. More information will be made known as the investigation develops.

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