



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**CASE NUMBER:** 09-7851

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** 10-12-2009 / 10:06 AM

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** 10-13-2009 / 10:00 AM

**NATURE OF STORY:** Fatal Vehicle vs Pedestrian Collision

**LOCATION:** Forest Court & 10<sup>th</sup> Street – Veneta, OR

**INVOLVED:** Baker, Anna - 62 year old female  
Veneta, OR

### **DETAILS:**

The Lane County Sheriff's Office, assisted by Oregon State Police, is investigating a fatal vehicle versus pedestrian collision that occurred in Veneta yesterday morning. Anna Baker was found injured in the cul-de-sac of Forest Court by a neighbor. Lane County Fire District #1 medical personnel were treating her injuries when she died at the scene.

Information provided by witnesses indicates a refuse truck operated by Country Transfer was in the cul-de-sac picking up recycled material immediately prior to Baker being found injured. Based on information available at this time, it is probable Baker was struck by the refuse truck unnoticed by the truck driver who continued on the refuse route. No other vehicles were noted in the area during the time.

Country Transfer made their driver and other company staff available to deputies in an effort to determine if the County Transfer truck was involved. No physical evidence has been identified to conclusively link Baker and the refuse truck at this time. Oregon

State Police are assisting the Sheriff's Office with crash reconstruction investigation. Even if evidence develops that provides a conclusive determination that the Country Transfer truck struck Baker, the Sheriff's Office does not believe a basis for criminal charges against the driver exists.

The Sheriff's Office is asking that anyone with information call the Sheriff's Office at (541) 682-4141.

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