

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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**CASE NUMBER: 09-9486**

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 12/19/09 - 4:30 PM**

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 12/19/09 - 9:57 PM**

**NATURE OF STORY: Fleeing and Attempt to Elude  
Driving While Suspended  
Reckless Driving  
Recklessly Endangering  
Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants  
Possession of Controlled Substance**

**LOCATION: Highway 101 / Siuslaw Bridge**

**ARRESTED: Gustina, Tosha Marie - DOB 03-11-82  
Florence, Oregon**

### **DETAILS:**

**Lane County Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the Florence area attempted to stop a 1996 Red Ford Mustang for failing to stop for a stop sign. The vehicle failed to yield for the Deputies and fled north on Highway 101 through Florence.**

**Prior to leaving Florence the vehicle took several turns causing the officers to lose sight of it. During one of the turns, a sole passenger in the vehicle exited and called 911 identifying the operator of the vehicle as Tosha Gustina. The passenger has not been charged with a crime.**

**Officers from the Florence Police and the Oregon State Police assisted with the pursuit which led officers down Munsel Lake Road and onto North Fork Road. The pursuit continued through USFS land eventually entering Highway 36 near Brickerville. The pursuit travelled Highway 36 to milepost ten on Stagecoach Road where the vehicle was located abandoned.**

**The officers lost sight of the vehicle several times during the course of the pursuit but with the assistance of observant citizens who called 911, the vehicle was relocated. Some area residents took up observational positions in case the vehicle tried to leave Stagecoach Road.**

**Officers searched the area eventually locating Gustina near the Swisshome store. Gustina was arrested on listed charges and is currently lodged in the Florence Jail.**

**Prepared by: Sergeant Spence Slater**