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**LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**NEWS RELEASE**

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**CASE NUMBER:** 11-9139

**DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT:** 12/13/11 – 3:05 pm

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**NATURE OF STORY:** Fatal Traffic Crash

**LOCATION:** Shoreview Dr., near MP 2.1

**VICTIM:** Curtis A Zeretzke - 49, of Culp Creek

**INVOLVED:** Rachael P. Eilers - 38, of Dorena

**DETAILS:**

On December 13, 2011, at approximately 3:05 P.M., Lane County Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a traffic crash near MP 2.1 on Shoreview Drive, east of Cottage Grove. First reports indicated that two vehicles had collided nearly head-on.

Preliminary investigation by the Sheriff's Office suggests that a vehicle being driven by 38 year old Rachael Eilers of Dorena was eastbound on Shoreview, when she lost control and crossed into the oncoming lane. Eilers' car struck a westbound vehicle being driven by 49 year old Curtis Zeretzke of Culp Creek.

Zeretzke was treated by first responding fire/rescue personnel from South Lane Fire District. Responders initially called for a Lifelight helicopter for Zeretzke, but he died before being transported. Eilers was taken to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The cause of the crash is still under investigation by Sheriff's Office crash reconstruction experts.

**Prepared by: Capt. Bill Thompson**