
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
NEWS RELEASE



CASE NUMBER: 11-9177

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 12-15-2011 at 7:19 AM

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NATURE OF STORY: Non-Injury Motor Vehicle Crash involving Eugene Police Department Motor Officer

LOCATION: Northwest Expressway and Beltline

DETAILS:

The Lane County Sheriff's Office responded at the request of the Eugene Police Department to investigate a non-injury vehicle crash that involved a Eugene Police Motor Officer. EPD officer Doug Ledbetter had just cleared from a traffic stop and was continuing on his traffic patrol. He was stopped at the stop sign on the off-ramp from Westbound Beltline to the Northwest Expressway. As he waited there for an opportunity to pull out onto NW Expressway he was struck by a gray 2011 Nissan Rogue Utility vehicle. The Nissan was travelling southbound on NW Expressway and made a left turn onto the ramp to proceed westbound on Beltline. The driver cut the corner too sharp and struck the EPD Motorcycle with the left front corner of the vehicle. The impact caused the motorcycle to pitch over and propelled Officer Ledbetter off of the motorcycle.

Officer Ledbetter was checked by paramedics at the scene; he was not transported by ambulance. The police motorcycle had to be towed from the scene.

The driver of the Nissan was issued a traffic citation for Careless Driving. That vehicle was able to be driven from the scene.

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