

PRESS RELEASE

Case# 13-513622

Deputy Pulls Driver from Vehicle after Crash

September 14, 2013 -- Washington County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single vehicle crash on River Road in rural Washington County. Upon arrival, deputies located a Jeep that had left the road and crashed into a tree. Through the investigation, deputies learned the driver was under the influence of alcohol. River Road was closed during the investigation.



At 12:53 p.m., Saturday afternoon, deputies responded to an injury crash on River Road near SW Farmington Road. When deputies arrived, the driver 48-year-old Lois Lepschat of Cornelius had sustained life threatening injuries. Life saving efforts were made by the responding deputy. Ms. Lepschat was transported to OHSU and is currently in critical condition.

As the investigation continued, deputies had reason to believe Ms. Lepschat was intoxicated. It was determined Ms. Lepschat's blood alcohol content (BAC) was substantially higher than the legal limit of .08. A witness also reported she was driving her 1997 Jeep SUV recklessly prior to the crash.

Lois Lepschat is facing charges of DUII and Reckless Driving.