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



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**CASE NUMBER:** 17-4436

**DATE/ TIME OF INCIDENT:** 7/1/2017 1:27 am

**DATE/TIME OF RELEASE:** 7/3/2017 1:30 pm

**NATURE OF STORY:** One Deceased After Shot Fired at Blue River Campground

**LOCATION:** Mona Campground, Blue River

**DECEASED:** MOODY, STEVEN "TROY", 48 y/o, Eugene

**ARRESTED:** MONTEZ, JOSHUA, 42 y/o, Junction City

**DETAILS:**

On 7/1/2017 at 1:27 am the Lane County Sheriff's Office received a report that someone had been shot at Mona Campground in Blue River. Deputies responded to the area along with medics.

Initial investigation indicates that 48 year old Steven Moody and his family were camping with 42 year old Joshua Montez and his family. Montez reportedly woke up in the middle of the night and heard loud noises that he thought were gunfire and unknown people talking nearby. Montez retrieved his handgun when he saw a person cross through the campground. Montez fired his weapon in the direction of the person who was later identified as his friend, Moody. Steven Moody was transported to the hospital for a gunshot wound and pronounced deceased shortly after 3:00 am that morning.

Montez was cooperative with law enforcement and was taken into custody and lodged at the Lane County Jail on Manslaughter 2. This case has been referred to the Lane County District Attorney's Office.

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