CASE NUMBER: 19-9189

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: 12/30/2019  7:27 p.m.

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: 12/31/2019  1:05 p.m.

NATURE OF STORY: Barricaded Man Found Deceased in Home

LOCATION: Lane County

DETAILS:

On 12/30/2019 at 7:30 p.m., Oakridge Police requested assistance east of Oakridge for a man who reportedly barricaded himself inside a structure (being used as a residence) when Oakridge Police attempted to contact him regarding a warrant. Deputies responded and made contact with the man inside who refused to come out of the structure, which was located up an extremely narrow road overgrown with vegetation.

Deputies and officers from Oakridge PD continued to attempt to get the man to come out without success. Shortly before 3:00 a.m. on 12/31/2019, law enforcement reported hearing a small explosion that sounded like it came from inside the structure followed by fire erupting in the structure. The fire department was called to assist but was unable to get the truck up the narrow road due to the overgrown vegetation. Extreme heat and explosions (believed to be from propane tanks) quickly forced first responders to back away from the structure before any fire suppression efforts with fire extinguishers could begin.

When the fire was extinguished and cooled down enough to enter the area, first responders located a deceased person inside the cabin who is believed to be the barricaded man.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office is investigating the death with the Lane County Medical Examiner’s Office. The Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office will investigate the fire. The identity of the deceased will not be released until next of kin can be notified.

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