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Date: 6/25/18

Case No. 18-0711

Event: Missing / Injured Person

Location: Highway 26 East, Mile Post 32

Media Release

The Crook County Sheriff's Office was contacted on Sunday 6/24/2018 at 3:34 pm by Aaron Duran a former family member of 58 year old Dale Rhode. Duran reported that Rhode and family members were driving in the area of Highway 26 east at Mile Post 32 when the tire on their vehicle came off.

The family members hitch hiked to town for help, while Rhode when looking for a better cell signal. Duran responded to the scene with deputies and showed them where the vehicle slid off the road after losing the wheel.

Deputies began a search of the area that Rhode was last reported in. They were joined by members of Crook County Sheriff's Office Search and rescue, Crook County Fire and Rescue, USFS Law Enforcement and USFS Fire Crews.

Rhode was found approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the highway. He was in a ravine in a steep canyon. Mr. Rhode had received injuries to his leg when he fell from a trail into the ravine. Mr. Rhode was treated initially by Crook County Deputies and then by Crook County Fire and Rescue. All personnel on scene in the canyon assisted in extricating him out of the area at to the Medic Unit. Mr. Rhode was transported to St Charles Medical Center – Prineville at 7:48pm for treatment. Important to note it was 102degrees in the canyon.

The Crook County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone to leave detailed plans with someone when venturing out into the wilderness and then try to stick to the plan. It's always a good idea to have some basic supplies like food, water, and warm clothing in your vehicle if you do become stuck or stranded.

The Sheriff's Office has small pamphlets with an "outing plan" that can be filled out with important information and left with family members. The brochures also have a recommended list of items to keep on hand as well as survival tips. If anyone would like one of the pamphlets, they can be picked up free of charge at the front counter of the Crook County Sheriff's Office.

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