



## News Release

August 24, 2009

### Fatality Accident

Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder announced today a fatality accident occurred on Salem Springs North Road (WC 415) in southwest Washington County.

On August 23, 2009 at approximately 5:41 p.m. Washington County deputies responded to a one-vehicle accident occupied by two people on Salem Springs North Road. The accident resulted in the death of the passenger, Lonnie Junior **CHUMLEY**, W/M, (26) of Stillwell, Oklahoma.

Preliminary investigation indicates the driver, Charles Everett **WHISENHUNT**, W/M, (26) of Stillwell, Oklahoma, was driving westbound on Salem Springs North Road in a purple Ford Ranger pickup and passed a car that was also traveling westbound. Mr. **WHISENHUNT** returned to his side of the road and shortly after, lost control of the vehicle and started sliding sideways, causing him to hit the embankment on the south side of the road. The truck then went airborne and landed on the passenger side of the vehicle. Mr. **CHUMLEY** was partially ejected and trapped under the pickup.

Mr. **CHUMLEY** was pronounced dead at the scene due to head trauma. Mr. **WHISENHUNT** was airlifted to Northwest Medical Center in Springdale, Arkansas. The accident is still under investigation.

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