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NEWS RELEASE

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Details : The Lane County IDFIT unit investigated an EPD use of potentially lethal force on 6/27/13. The IDFIT team completed its investigation and submitted related reports to the District Attorney's office today. After reviewing the evidence, it's clear that the use of potentially lethal force was legally justified under the circumstances.

Although it was not apparent at the time the IDFIT response was requested, the injuries the suspect sustained during this incident were minor.

Fact Summary: EPD Officer Randy Ellis responded to investigate a criminal trespass case involving a disorderly subject who was refusing to leave private property. Officer Ellis asked the subject to leave the property and he initially complied. Several moments later the subject returned to the property and Officer Ellis informed him he was under arrest. The subject resisted arrest and subsequently attacked Officer Ellis. During the ensuing fight Ellis struck the subject in the head with a metal asp, causing a small laceration. The fight continued to the ground where both the officer and his assailant sustained minor injuries.

The IDFIT response was requested by EPD because it initially appeared that the subject may have been rendered unconscious. Based on the information developed during the investigation, it now appears that the subject never lost consciousness.

The IDFIT reports and the identity of the assailant are not being released at this time in order to protect the assailant's right to a fair trial on pending criminal charges.