



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



NON-INJURY AUTO ACCIDENT

Anderson Township, 11/25/2013– Chief Deputy Mark Schoonover, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, reports a crash involving a heavy duty wrecker that lost its load while traveling on westbound IR 275 on Monday November 25, 2013 at 2:05 PM.

A 1999 Peterbuilt heavy duty wrecker was towing a McNeilus Packer Body from a former Rumpke trash truck marked for scrap. The Wrecker, being operated by Robert Oetzel, age 59 from Williamsburg Ohio, was traveling west on IR 275 in the area of the 67.8 mile post. While traveling in the right through lane of the highway the McNeilus Packer Body began to sway back and forth causing it to become unsecured from the rear of the wrecker. The McNeilus Packer Body then traveled off the right side of the highway striking the guardrail face where it came to rest. Mr. Oetzel was able to safely bring the wrecker to a controlled stop along the highway with no injury to himself or any other motorists. The right two lanes of westbound IR 275 at the 67.8 mile post were shut down for approximately 2 hours while the McNeilus Packer Body was loaded on to a flat bed tractor trailer for removal from the highway. Rumpke safety officials responded to the scene to assist with the removal and clean up.

Mr. Oetzel was wearing a seatbelt.

Drugs and alcohols were not a factor. No charges were filled against Mr. Oetzel.

The accident remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriffs Office Traffic Safety Unit.

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