



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



FATAL PURSUIT IN COLERAIN TOWNSHIP

Colerain Township, January 7, 2013 – Chief Deputy Mark Schoonover, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Chief Daniel Meloy, Colerain Township Police, report a motor vehicle pursuit which ended in a fatality at the intersection of Pippin Road and John Gray Road, in Colerain Township on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 11:23 a.m.

At approximately 11:22 a.m. a Sheriff's Deputy in a marked patrol vehicle observed a 2003 Toyota Solara being operated northbound on Pippin Road just south of Houston Road. The Deputy attempted to stop the vehicle for a window-tint violation. The operator of the Toyota failed to comply with the Deputy's signal to stop and continued northbound on Pippin Road. At this point, the Deputy initiated a traffic pursuit. The Toyota continued northbound on Pippin Road at a high rate of speed. The operator of the Toyota briefly lost control of the vehicle just south of West Kemper Road. He then ran a red light at West Kemper Road. At the intersection of Pippin Road and John Gray Road, the Toyota traveled off the north side of John Gray Road. It then struck a fence and a tree. The driver of the Toyota was transported to Mercy Fairfield Hospital by the Colerain Township Fire Department. He was pronounced dead at 12:02 p.m.

The pursuit lasted 57 seconds and covered 2.8 miles. Speeds were in excess of 60 mph.

The identity of the driver of the Toyota is being withheld pending notification of his next of kin.

The driver of the Toyota was not wearing a seatbelt. He was under 13 active license suspensions at the time of the crash.

Approximately 300 grams of marijuana was found in the vehicle.

The crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit.

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