



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



TWO DEPUTY SHERIFF'S INJURED WHILE ASSISTING A DISABLED MOTORIST ON INTERSTATE 71

Sycamore Township, Saturday January 25, 2014 – Chief Deputy Mark A.

Schoonover, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, reports two Deputy Sheriff's were injured while assisting a disabled motorist on northbound I.R. 71 at the 10.7 mile post.

Deputy Eric Kidd and Deputy Tony Lipps were outside of their marked Sheriff's vehicle, assisting a disabled motorist who had slid off the right side of the roadway on northbound 71 at the 10.7 mile post, when a vehicle being operated by a Mr. Chico Thomas, M/37 of Cincinnati, Ohio, lost control and struck the Sheriff's vehicle. Mr. Thomas vehicle then went into a clockwise rotation and struck a 2007 Hyundai Sante Fe, which was occupied by a Mrs. Jessica Wiseman, F/26, of Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. Deputy Kidd was injured as a result of diving into the roadway, away from the striking vehicle. Deputy Lipps was also injured as a result of diving overtop a guardrail.

Deputy Kidd and Deputy Lipps, along with Mrs. Wiseman were transported to Bethesda North Hospital, where their condition was listed as stable.

Mr. Thomas was cited for Failure to Maintain Reasonable Control of a Motor Vehicle and Operating an Un-Road Worthy Vehicle. Mr. Thomas rear tires measured less than 1/32" tread, contributing to his vehicle spinning out of control.

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