



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



FATAL CRASH IN VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

Village of Silverton, July 11, 2013 – Chief Deputy Mark A. Schoonover, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Police Chief Bruce Molett, Village of Silverton Police Department, report a fatal automobile crash that occurred on Northbound I.R. 71 at the 10.7 mile post (Stewart Road exit), at 2:41 a.m., on Thursday, July 11th, 2013.

A 2002 Mazda 626, operated by Ms. Chelsie Owens, F/23, of Oxford, Ohio was traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of I.R. 71 around the 10.7 mile post. As Ms. Owens continued to travel in the wrong direction, her vehicle side swiped a 2003 Ford Focus. The Ford Focus was being driven John Dolcini III, M/52, of Maineville, Ohio, and was traveling northbound in the left lane. After Ms. Owens vehicle struck the Ford Focus her vehicle entered the center lane of I.R. 71, and was then struck by a 2003 Volkswagen Jetta. The Volkswagen was driven by Michael Thompson, M/56, of Cincinnati, Ohio. After this collision, debris struck a fourth vehicle, a 2014 Mazda cx5, which was operated by Daniel Maggard, M/27, of Norwood, Ohio. Mr. Maggard was traveling behind the Volkswagen Jetta.

Ms. Owens, the driver of the wrong way vehicle, sustained fatal injuries in this crash and was pronounced dead at the scene by Dr. Ralston. Also injured in this crash was John Dolcini III, driver of the Ford Focus. He however was not transported to any medical facility. Michael Thompson, driver of the Volkswagen, was also injured in this crash and was transported to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center by Deer Park-Silverton EMS, where he is listed in stable condition. There were no injuries in the vehicle that was struck by debris.

Alcohol and/or drugs of abuse are believed to be factors in this crash. All participants in this crash were wearing their safety restraint devices at the time of this crash.

This crash remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit

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