



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



SERIOUS INJURY CRASH ON S. R. 128

Whitewater Township, March 20, 2013 – Chief Deputy Mark Schoonover, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, reports a serious injury crash which occurred in the 5100 block of S.R. 128, just north of Cilley Road, Whitewater Township on March 20, 2013 at 2:37 p.m.

A 1997 Jeep Limited operated by Ronald Riggs, age 45, Harrison, Ohio was southbound on S.R. 128 when the operator for unknown reason went off the right portion of the roadway while still travelling in a southbound direction. After leaving the road, the Jeep crossed over the driveway of 5143 S.R. 128 and at this point struck a bicycle with the left front portion.

The bicycle operated by Zerrel West, age 21, of Cincinnati, Ohio was also traveling southbound on S.R. 128 on the right side of the solid white line at the time of this incident.

The bicycle operator was transported to University Hospital by AirCare where he remains listed in critical condition. No safety equipment was being utilized by West at the time of this incident.

The operator of the Jeep was not injured. It's not known if safety restraints were in use at the time of this incident. Alcohol and/or drugs are not believed to be a factor.

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

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