



## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

## Green Township Police

Chief Bart West



# MEDIA RELEASE

## FATAL AUTO CRASH IN GREEN TOWNSHIP

**Green Township, February 22, 2014** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil and Chief Bart West, Green Township Police Department, reports a fatal auto crash occurred on Harrison Avenue at Rybolt Road in Green Township on February 22, 2014 at 7:19 p.m.

Kenneth Franzman (Male, age 24 of Cleves, OH) was operating a 2000 Ford F-250 generally westbound along Harrison Ave. approaching Rybolt Rd. Mr. Franzman's wife, Angel Franzman (Female, age 22 of Cleves, OH) and infant son were also passengers in the truck at the time of the crash.

Brandon Sibert (Male, age 27 of Cleves, OH) was operating a 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt generally eastbound on Harrison Ave. and was preparing to turn left into the parking lot of Western Commons Shopping Center. Thomas Brooks (Male, age 28 of Cleves, OH) was a passenger in Mr. Sibert's car at the time of the crash.

As Mr. Sibert began his left turn, Mr. Franzman's truck struck Mr. Sibert's car in the passenger side. Mr. Sibert's car rotated clockwise coming to an uncontrolled final rest up an embankment and against a utility pole. After striking Mr. Sibert's vehicle, Mr. Franzman's vehicle continued out of control and came to an uncontrolled final rest after striking a concrete sewer pipe.

Mr. Franzman, his wife, and their son were all treated at the scene by the Green Township Fire Department. The Green Township Fire Department had to mechanically extricate Mr. Sibert and Mr. Brooks from their vehicle. Both were transported to University Hospital Medical Center. Mr. Sibert was treated and released. Mr. Brooks was pronounced dead at 8:11 p.m.

Alcohol and/or drugs of abuse are not believed to be factors in the crash. All occupants were using their seatbelts at the time of the crash. Any witnesses to the crash are asked to contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit at (513) 825-1500.

The incident remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff / Green Township Police Investigative Unit.

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