



## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

# MEDIA RELEASE



## SERIOUS INJURY TRAFFIC CRASH IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

**Whitewater Township, December 17, 2014** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a serious injury traffic crash which occurred on westbound I.R. 74 just west of S.R. 128, in Whitewater Township, on Wednesday December 17, 2014 at 7:42 a.m.

A 1991 Toyota Camry operated by Tamera Heinrich, female, age 55, of Cleves, OH was traveling westbound on I.R. 74 just west of S.R. 128. As it approached milepost 7, the Toyota veered sharply to the left, traveled across the paved shoulder and struck the concrete median barrier. The Toyota was then re-directed back across the westbound lanes where it was struck by a tractor/semi-trailer which was traveling westbound on I.R. 74. After being struck by the truck, the Toyota continued across the westbound lanes of I.R. 74, crossed the right shoulder and struck a guardrail. The tractor/semi-trailer continued westbound on I.R. 74.

Ms. Heinrich was transported to University Hospital by the Whitewater Township Fire Department. She is listed in stable condition.

Neither alcohol nor speed were factors in the crash.

Mr. Heinrich was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

The westbound lanes of I.R. 74 were closed for approximately 2 1/2 hours.

The crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit. Any witnesses to the crash or persons who may be able to identify the tractor/semi-trailer are asked to contact the Traffic Safety Unit at (513) 825-1500.

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