



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



INJURY CRASH INTERSTATE 74

Whitewater Township, January 23 2015, 2015 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports 5 an injury auto crash on Interstate 74 near the 5 mile post. A 1998 Ford F-150 was being operated westbound on the interstate by Jacob Thornes (M/22/Cincinnati). Mr. Thornes attempted to avoid a deer in the roadway, but in doing so lost control of his pick up truck. The truck entered the center median and went airborne over the cable divider. Mr. Thornes's vehicle then entered the eastbound lanes of travel. A 2013 Kenworth Semi Tractor Trailer was being operated eastbound on Interstate 74 by Anthony Rivers (M/46/Alabama). Mr. Rivers was unable to avoid Mr. Thorne's vehicle. The left front portion of the Semi struck the right front of the pickup truck. The pickup was shoved back into the median where it was stopped by the median cables. The semi struck the guardrail on the right side of the roadway and eventually came to a stop several hundred feet down the highway.

Mr Thorne was transported to University Hospital where he is in critical condition. At the time of the crash, Mr. Thorne was not wearing his safety belt. Mr. Rivers was using his safety belt and did not sustain any injuries. Drugs and Alcohol are not believed to be factors in the crash. The crash remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff Traffic Safety Unit.

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