



## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

# MEDIA RELEASE



## INJURY AUTO CRASH INVOLVING HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY AND CITY OF READING POLICE OFFICER

**Village of Lockland, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports an injury auto crash involving a Hamilton County Sheriff's cruiser and City of Reading Police SUV in the Village of Lockland at 12:42am.

At approximately 12:33 am a Village Of Lockland Police Officer stopped a vehicle on Central Ave near Davis St containing a wanted felon. The wanted subject fled from the vehicle at which time surrounding agencies responded into the Village of Lockland to assist in the search of the subject. This included officers from the City Of Reading and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

While on scene, Reading officers received a priority emergency run which required them to leave the incident in the Village of Lockland and return to their city. Police Officer Frederick Ellison was operating his City of Reading Police SUV eastbound on Davis St approaching the exit ramp from northbound I-75. At approximately the same time, Deputy Jeffery Rehtin who was still engaged in the search for the wanted felon in the Village of Lockland was also traveling eastbound on Davis St near the bottom of the exit ramp. Deputy Rehtin was making a U-turn to proceed westbound on Davis St to take a perimeter position to assist in the search. As Deputy Rehtin started his U-turn, he failed to observe the Reading Police SUV approaching him and turned into the Reading Police SUV's path of travel. Officer Ellison took evasive action by braking and steering to the left in an attempt to avoid the Sheriff's Cruiser but was not successful. Both vehicles collided with the other and came to final rest in front of 528 Davis St.

Officer Ellison was treated at the scene by Woodlawn EMS. Deputy Rehtin was not injured in the crash. Both Officer Ellison and Deputy Rehtin were wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

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

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