



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



CINCINNATI MOTORCYCLE OFFICER STRUCK ON U.S. 50 IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BEND.

Village of North Bend, July, 15th 2015 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a two vehicle crash that occurred at U.S. 50 and Miami Avenue in the Village of North Bend on Wednesday July 15, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

A 2008 Harley Davidson operated by Officer Christopher Thomas of the Cincinnati Police Department was traveling westbound on U.S. 50 and came to a stop near Miami Avenue. A 2000 Honda operated by Danielle Whitener, female, age 40 of Hooven, Ohio was traveling westbound on U.S. 50 approaching Officer Thomas. Ms. Whitener failed to maintain an assured clear distance ahead, causing her vehicle to strike the rear of Officer Thomas' motorcycle.

Officer Thomas was treated at the scene by Miami Township Fire Department and later transported himself to University Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Danielle Whitener was not injured.

Ms. Whitener was utilizing her safety restraints at the time of crash. Officer Thomas was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Alcohol, drugs and speed were not factors in the crash. Ms. Whitener was cited for failing to maintain an assured clear distance ahead, 4511.21a ORC, a minor misdemeanor.

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