



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



SERIOUS INJURY AUTO CRASH INVOLVING A VEHICLE INTO THE MILL CREEK

Village of Arlington Heights, October 28, 2015 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil and Arlington Heights Police Chief Kristin Heimpold report a serious injury auto crash involving a motor vehicle which crashed into the Mill Creek near E. Galbraith Road and I.R.-75 at 12:59pm.

Thomas A. Gibson, male 26 of Booneville, Kentucky, was operating a 2001 Chrysler Sebring eastbound on E. Galbraith road near the I.R.-75 overpass. Witnesses stated that Mr. Gibson came to a stop at the traffic signal on E. Galbraith Road at Waldman Drive and appeared to suffer an unknown type medical event. The vehicle Mr. Gibson was operating then suddenly accelerated, traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of E. Galbraith Road. Mr. Gibson's vehicle exited off the north side of E. Galbraith Road near the I.R.-75 on ramp. Mr. Gibson's vehicle then went airborne before crashing into the Mill Creek. Mr. Gibson's car was swept downstream and along the east bank approximately 200 feet as a result of the strong current of the Mill Creek. Witnesses were able to assist Mr. Gibson out of the vehicle and on to the bank of the Mill Creek to await EMS personnel.

The City of Reading and the City of Cincinnati Fire Departments responded to the crash scene to assist in the rescue efforts of Mr. Gibson. Once stabilized, Mr. Gibson was transported to the University Of Cincinnati Medical Center where he listed in serious but stable condition.

Speed, alcohol and drugs are not believed to have contributed to the auto crash. Mr. Gibson was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. The crash remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit.

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