



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



FATAL CRASH INVOLVING A DUMP TRUCK AND VEHICLE IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

Whitewater Township, December 16th, 2015 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a fatal auto crash involving a dump truck and vehicle which occurred in the 10900 block of U.S.-50 in Whitewater Township on December 16th, 2015 at 2:16pm.

James Rowland, male, 42 of Lebanon Ohio was operating a 1990 Mack dump truck in the 10900 block of westbound U.S.-50. Rachel Clapp, female, 25 of Harrison Ohio was operating a 2008 Pontiac G6 at the same location, directly behind the Mack dump truck. Mr. Rowland had come to a complete stop in the left lane of travel on U.S.-50 and was awaiting a train to clear a crossing so that he could turn into a commercial private drive. Ms. Clapp failed to observe the stopped dump truck and struck it in the rear.

The Whitewater Township Fire Department responded to the crash scene and had to mechanically extricate Ms. Clapp from her vehicle. Once removed, Ms. Clapp was transported by Whitewater Township life squad to Hooven Elementary School to await University AirCare. Once AirCare had landed, flight doctors on board pronounced Ms. Clapp deceased. Mr. Rowland was treated at the scene by the Whitewater Township Fire personnel.

Both Mr. Rowland and Ms. Clapp were utilizing their seat belts at the time of the crash. Speed, alcohol and/or drugs are not believed to have contributed to the crash.

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

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