



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



INJURY ROLLOVER CRASH INVOLVING A SEMI-TRACTOR TRAILER AND DUMP TRUCK ON IR 71

Columbia Township, December 3rd, 2015 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports an injury rollover crash involving a semi-tractor trailer and a dump truck which occurred along the northbound lanes of IR 71 near the Ridge Avenue overpass in Columbia Township on December 3rd, 2015 at 1:09pm.

A 2011 Freightliner semi-tractor trailer operated by Gerald Jean, male, 46 of Orlando, Florida was traveling northbound on IR 71 near the Ridge Avenue overpass in the right lane. A 1997 International dump truck operated by Michael Mink, male, 29, of West Chester, Ohio was traveling at the same location in the right center lane. As Mr. Jean's lane turned to an exit only lane as he approached the Ridge Avenue exit, Mr. Jean moved from the the right lane to the right center lane in which Mr. Mink's dump truck was traveling. Mr. Mink took evasive action in an attempt to avoid the semi-tractor trailer but due to other traffic on the interstate at the time, was not able to change lanes away from Mr. Jean's truck. At this point, Mr. Mink's truck contacted the trailer portion of the the semi-tractor trailer. Both operators were unable to maintain control of their vehicles. Mr. Mink's dump truck then rolled onto its right side and struck the median cement wall. Mr Jean's semi-tractor and trailer also rolled onto its right side blocking the right and center lanes of travel. Both drivers were able to exit their trucks without any assistance.

The Golf Manor Fire Department responded to the scene and transported Mr. Mink to Bethesda North Hospital where he was treated and released. Mr. Jean was not injured. Both drivers were using their seat belts.

Speed, alcohol and/or drugs of abuse were not factors in the crash. Mr Jean was cited for improperly changing course without safety.

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