



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



UPDATE: BICYCLIST PASSES – CHARGES UPGRADED

Anderson Township, February 1, 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office was informed by medical staff that Michael E. Prater, the bicyclist struck yesterday afternoon on US 52 near Asbury Road in Anderson Township, passed away at approximately 10:30 A.M. today as a result of his injuries.

Melinda N. Woodall, female, age 34 of Amelia was operating the 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee which struck Mr. Prater. Mrs. Woodall was arraigned this morning on charges of Aggravated Vehicular Assault and leaving the scene of an auto accident. Sheriff's Deputy's have spoken with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office and the Aggravated Vehicular Assault charge will be upgraded to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide.

Drugs are believed to have contributed to the crash. The crash remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Traffic Unit.

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