



## Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

# MEDIA RELEASE



## INJURY ROLLOVER CRASH IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

**Whitewater Township, April 1st, 2016** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports an injury rollover crash involving a pick-up truck pulling a trailer and a SUV which occurred on US-50 near Kilby Road on Friday, April 1st, 2016 at 5:56pm in Whitwater Township.

Anita Weaver, female, age 79 of Cincinnati, Ohio was operating a 2008 Toyota RAV-4 westbound on US-50 near Kilby Road. Ms. Weaver's son, Scott Weaver, male, age 45 of Cincinnati, Ohio was a front seat passenger in her vehicle. Thomas Benevengo, male, age 35 of Harrison, Ohio was operating a 1996 Chevrolet Silverado pulling a trailer eastbound on US-50 near Kilby Road.

As Ms. Weaver approached Mr. Benevengo, Ms. Weaver drove left of the center lines and into Mr. Benevengo's lane of travel. Mr. Benevengo then swerved to the right in an attempt to avoid Ms. Weaver. Mr. Benevengo's Chevrolet Silverado did avoid Ms. Weaver's Toyota RAV-4 but Ms. Weaver struck the trailer Mr. Benevengo was pulling with his truck. Ms. Weaver continued in a now out of control manner, exiting off the south side of US-50. The left front portion of Ms. Weaver's Toyota RAV-4 then dug into the soft shoulder causing her SUV to both spin in a counter clockwise rotation and rollover onto its driver's side entrapping Ms. Weaver and her son. Mr. Benevengo was able to drive his vehicle off the south side of the roadway and come to a safe stop. The trailer Mr. Benevengo was pulling separated from his truck and exited off the south side of US-50 and slid to a stop near a tree line.

The Whitewater Township, Miami Township and City of Harrison Fire Departments responded to the scene. Mr. Weaver was able to exit the Toyota RAV-4 under his own power with the assistance of passing motorists who witnessed the crash. Ms. Weaver had to be mechanically extricated from her vehicle. Both were then transported to the University Medical Center for injuries they sustained in the crash and are listed in good condition. Mr. Benevengo was not injured in the crash.

Speed, alcohol and drugs did not contribute to the crash.

The crash was investigated by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit.

Ms. Weaver was found at fault in the crash and cited for driving left of the center lines in violation of O.R.C. 4511.25.

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