



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

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MEDIA RELEASE

SERIOUS INJURY AUTO CRASH ON IR-74 NEAR THE 10 MILE POST IN GREEN TOWNSHIP

Green Township, May 14th, 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil and Chief Bart West, Green Township Police Department, report a serious injury auto crash involving a 2010 Honda Civic and 2004 Jeep Liberty which occurred on westbound IR-74 near the 10.0 mile post in Green Township on Saturday, May 14th, 2016 at 11:38pm.

David Briccio, male, age 55 of West Harrison, Indiana was traveling westbound on IR-74 in the left lane of travel near the 10.0 mile post in a 2004 Honda Civic.

Tommy Pankey, male, age 18 of Cincinnati, Ohio was the operator of a Jeep Liberty and had stopped on the right shoulder to assist a friend, Mary Lewis, female, age 18 of Cincinnati, Ohio with her disabled vehicle. Mr. Pankey made a U-turn and drove his Jeep Liberty eastbound onto the westbound shoulder to attempt to jump start Ms. Lewis's vehicle. After determining that they would not be able to jump start Ms. Lewis' vehicle, Mr. Pankey attempted to make a U-turn in reverse so that his Jeep Liberty would be facing westbound on the westbound shoulder. While reversing, Mr. Pankey entered Mr. Briccio's lane of travel. Mr. Briccio braked and swerved to the left of Mr. Pankey's Jeep but was unable to avoid it. Mr. Briccio's Honda Civic then struck Mr. Pankey's Jeep Liberty. At the time of the crash, Mr. Pankey's Jeep Liberty contained 3 female juvenile passengers, all ages 17 of Cincinnati, Ohio, two 16 year old male juvenile passengers, and one 17 year old male juvenile passenger, all of Cincinnati, Ohio. Five of the juveniles were seated in the rear seat. One female juvenile was a front seat passenger. Ms. Lewis occupied the rear cargo area of the Jeep Liberty.

The juvenile passengers denied injury at the crash scene and were released to their parents. Ms. Lewis suffered serious injuries and was transported to Mercy West Hospital by the Green Township Fire Department where she was listed in stable

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condition. Mr. Briccio also suffered injuries and was transported to Mercy West Hospital where he is listed in good condition.

Neither Mr. Pankey nor any of his passengers were using their seat belts at the time of the crash. Mr. Briccio was using his seat belt during the crash.

Speed, alcohol and or drugs were not factors in the crash.

Mr. Pankey was cited for driving under suspension and unsafe backing.

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