



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



SERIOUS INJURY ROLLOVER CRASH IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

Whitewater Township, July 11th, 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a serious injury rollover auto crash which occurred in the 6000 block of Morgan Road in Whitewater Township on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 4:48pm.

A female juvenile, age 16, of Harrison, Ohio was operating a 2003 Saturn Ion southbound in the 6000 block of Morgan Road. A male juvenile, age 15, of Harrison, Ohio was occupying the front passenger seat and a male juvenile, age 12, also of Harrison, Ohio was occupying the rear seat.

As the Saturn Ion crested the hill, the driver lost control causing the vehicle to travel left of the center lines. The driver then observed an on-coming vehicle and steered to the right causing her vehicle to exit the right side of the roadway. The Saturn Ion then rolled onto its roof while rotating simultaneously and struck a tree. The female driver was able to exit the vehicle with the assistance of other motorists who had stopped to help. Both male passengers had to be extricated by the Whitewater and Miami Township Fire Departments.

The juvenile male, age 15, was flown to the University Medical Center by UC AirCare where he is listed in critical condition. The juvenile male, age 12 was transported by the Miami Township Fire Department to Children's Hospital where he was listed in serious condition. The juvenile female driver was also transported to Children's Hospital where she was listed in good condition.

All occupants were wearing their safety belts at the time of the crash. Alcohol and drugs of abuse were not factors in the crash. Speed was believed to be a factor in the crash.

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

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