



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



FATAL CRASH IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

Whitewater Township, October 18, 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a single vehicle crash which occurred on southbound I.R. 275 at the Stephens Road overpass in Whitewater Township on October 18, 2016 at 4:04 p.m.

A 2002 Honda operated by Catherine Taske, age 84, of Cincinnati, Ohio was traveling southbound on I.R. 275 approaching the Stephens Road overpass. Witnesses reported that Mrs. Taske's vehicle veered off the right side of the road and began to travel along the grassy shoulder. Mrs. Taske's vehicle continued along the shoulder until it struck a bridge pier supporting the Stephens Road overpass.

Mrs. Taske was trapped in her vehicle for approximately 30 minutes as a result of the collision. She was mechanically extricated by the Whitewater Township Fire Department and then transported, via AirCare, to University Hospital. Mrs. Taske was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at University Hospital.

Alcohol and/or drugs were not factors in the crash. Speed was not a factor in the crash. Mrs. Taske was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

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

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