



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



SERIOUS INJURY CRASH IN WINTON WOODS PARK

Springfield Township, November 3rd, 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil and Chief Thomas Doyle of the Hamilton County Park Rangers, report a serious injury crash involving a Toyota Corolla, Chevrolet Malibu and a Chevrolet Tahoe which occurred on Lakeview Drive between Winton Road and Carlsbad Road in Winton Woods Park on November 3rd, 2016 in Springfield Township at 8:39pm.

John R. Younger, male, age 36 of Cincinnati, Ohio was operating a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu northbound on Lakeview Drive in Winton Woods Park. Chenika N. Freeman, female, age 34 of Cincinnati, Ohio was operating a 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe, northbound, also on Lakeview Drive in Winton Woods Park. Jaron C. Pez, male, age 22 of Cincinnati, Ohio was operating a 2001 Toyota Corolla southbound on Lakeview Drive. Mr. Pez was transporting a juvenile male, age 17 of Cincinnati, Ohio who was seated in the front seat, Aaron Blanks, male, age 18 of Cincinnati, Ohio who was seated in the rear seat and Nathinel Virtell, male, age 19 of Cincinnati, Ohio who was also seated in the rear seat.

As Mr. Pez was negotiating a right bound curve, his Toyota Corolla crossed the center dividing line. Mr. Pez then failed to maintain control of his vehicle which then struck Mr. Younger's Chevrolet Malibu in an offset head on manner. As Mr. Younger's car began rotating counter clockwise off the east side of the roadway, Mr. Pez's car rotated counter clockwise, striking Mr. Younger's vehicle a second time in its driver's side door. As Ms. Freeman approached the collision scene, she was unable to avoid Mr. Pez's vehicle, striking it. Mr. Pez's vehicle was then propelled forward coming to rest across both lanes of Lakeview Drive.

The GreenHills, Springfield Township, Forest Park and Springdale Fire Departments all responded to the scene. Mr. Pez was the only vehicle occupant who was mechanically extricated from the involved vehicles. Mr. Younger, Ms. Freeman and the occupants of Mr. Pez's vehicle were all able to exit the involved vehicles on their own. Once Mr. Pez was extricated from his vehicle he was transported to the University Medical Center by University AirCare. Mr. Younger and the occupants of Mr. Pez's car were transported to area hospitals where they are all listed in stable condition. Mr. Pez is listed in critical condition. Ms. Freeman was uninjured.

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All of the involved occupants and drivers were wearing their safety belts with the exception of Mr. Younger.

Alcohol and drugs are not believed to have contributed to the crash. Speed on the part of Mr. Pez is believed to have contributed to the crash.

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