



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



FATAL CRASH IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

Whitewater Township, December, 11th 2016 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a two vehicle crash that occurred on I.R. 275 near the 22 mile marker in Whitewater Township on Sunday December 11, 2016 at 2:01 am.

A 2007 Volvo semi tractor trailer being operated by Angeson Abreha, male, age 31 of Denver, Colorado was traveling southbound on I.R. 275 near the 22 mile marker. A 2014 Ford F250 operated by Jason Schaller, male, age 35 of Cincinnati, Ohio was traveling northbound on I.R. 275 near the 22 mile marker. As Mr. Abreha traveled southbound, he failed to negotiate a rightbound curve. This action caused his vehicle to travel out of control as it exited the left side of the roadway, entering into the center grass median, crossing over and encroaching into the northbound lanes. Mr. Abreha's vehicle then collided with the left side of Mr. Schaller's vehicle. During the collision Mr. Schaller's vehicle was redirected in a counter clockwise manner, as it exited the eastern edge of the roadway, coming to an uncontrolled final rest facing in a southerly direction. Mr. Abreha's vehicle continued its southeasterly course as it exited the eastern edge of the roadway, traveling up an embankment. Mr. Abreha's vehicle then overturned onto its right side, coming to an uncontrolled final rest facing generally east.

Jesse Crabtree, male, age 30 of Cincinnati, Ohio was a passenger in Mr. Schaller's vehicle. Mr. Crabtree was transported to University Hospital by Whitewater Township Fire Department for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

Mr. Abreha was transported to Mercy West Hospital by Harrison Fire Department, where he was treated and released for non-life threatening injuries.

Mr. Abreha was taken into custody and charged with 2903.06 (A)(4) Vehicular Manslaughter (M-2), and transported to the Hamilton County Criminal Justice Center.

Mr. Schaller was pronounced dead at the scene.

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All persons involved were utilizing their safety restraints at the time of the crash.

Alcohol or drugs are not a factor in this crash. The crash remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit.