



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



BICYCLIST KILLED ON US-52 IN ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

Anderson Township, May 22nd, 2017 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a fatal crash involving a 2006 Nissan Maxima which struck a bicyclist on US 52 between Eight Mile Road and Nine Mile Road in Anderson Township on Monday, May 22nd, 2017 at 5:48pm.

Steven R. Sickle, male, age 33 of Feesburg, Ohio was operating a 2006 Nissan Maxima, eastbound on US 52 approaching Nine Mile Rd. William F Rust III, male, age 61 of Cincinnati, Ohio was riding a bicycle eastbound on US 52 on the right shoulder, west of Nine Mile Road. As Mr. Sickle approached Mr. Rust, Mr. Sickle drifted out of his lane of travel and partially entered the right shoulder, striking Mr. Rust. Mr. Rust was thrown from his bicycle onto Mr. Sickle's vehicle and then landed on the roadway. Mr. Sickle fled the crash scene without stopping or attempting to give aid to the Mr. Rust. Witnesses to the crash flagged down a passing Deputy Sheriff assigned to Anderson Township who immediately called for EMS. Once EMS arrived on scene, Mr. Rust was pronounced dead.

Mr. Sickle was driven back to the crash scene by a camper that had observed him pull into the Steamboat Bend Campgrounds.

Once Mr. Sickle arrived back at the crash scene he was assessed by the Anderson Township Fire Department and transported to the Mercy Anderson for evaluation of injuries sustained in the crash. During questioning, Mr. Sickle admitted to ingesting heroin prior to the crash.

Mr. Sickle was charged with one count of leaving the scene of an automobile crash involving death, O.R.C. 4549.02, a felony of the third degree, and one count of aggravated vehicular homicide, O.R.C. 2903.06, a felony of the second degree.

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

Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is asked to call the Hamilton County Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit at 513-825-1500.

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