



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



HIT SKIP FATAL CRASH IN MT. HEALTHY

Mt. Healthy, October 6th, 2017, Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil and Mt. Healthy Police Chief Vincent Demasi report a four car fatal crash that occurred on Compton Road at Forest Avenue in Mt. Healthy, Ohio, On October 6th, 2017, at 7:43 p.m.

A 2002 Dodge pick up truck operated by James Klinefelter, M/24, of Cincinnati, Ohio was traveling westbound on Compton Road near Forest Avenue when his vehicle struck the rear of a 1997 Jeep Cherokee which was also traveling westbound. This Jeep Cherokee was driven by Ronald Otto, M/75, of Cincinnati, Ohio. This impact pushed the Jeep Cherokee into two other vehicles. The first was a 2006 Toyota Camry which was in front of the Jeep. This Toyota was operated by Philomena Ogban, F/52, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The second car struck was a 2001 Ford Mustang driven by a 17 year old female, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The Mustang at the time it was struck was traveling eastbound of Compton Road.

After this series of collisions Mr. Klinefelter and his vehicle fled the scene of this crash. He was then involved in another crash in Colerain Township a few minutes later. Mr. Klinefelter also fled the scene of that crash. Mr. Klinefelter was then located by the Colerain Township Police Department at his residence.

Ronald Otto, the driver of the Jeep was transported to U.C.E.R. by Springfield Twp. EMS where he was pronounced deceased. Mrs. Ogban was also transported from the scene by Mt. Healthy EMS. She was taken to Mercy West Hospital where she was treated and released. The 17 year old female was not injured in this crash. Mr. Klinefelter did receive injuries from these crashes. He was checked out by the Colerain Twp. EMS.

James Klinefelter is charged with one count of Aggravated Vehicular Homicide ORC 2903.06 F1 and one count of Leaving the scene of an injury crash ORC 4549.02 (f2).

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