

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff



MEDIA RELEASE

***UPDATE - DRIVER INCUSTODY INVOLVED IN SERIOUS INJURY HIT AND RUN CRASH WHICH OCCURRED IN ANDERSON TOWNSHIP ON JULY 26TH, 2018**

Anderson Township, August 3, 2018, – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports the arrest of Steven K. Benjamin, male, age 53 of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was the driver of a vehicle which struck two pedestrians on July 26th 2018 at 10:53pm in the 800 block of Sutton Avenue.

Steven K. Benjamin was operating a 2004 Chevrolet Impala southbound in the 800 block of Sutton Avenue when he failed to observe Dustin Gram, male, age 30 of Dayton, Ohio and Ashley Copley, female, age 26 of Cincinnati, Ohio walking on the west side of the roadway. Benjamin struck Gram and Copley resulting in both sustaining serious injuries. Benjamin then fled the crash scene without stopping to render aid.

On July 29th, 2018, Investigators assigned to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit received an anonymous tip indicating the whereabouts of Benjamin and his 2004 Chevrolet Impala. Investigators responded to the location and found Benjamin's car hidden on the side of his residence which had damage consistent with the hit and run crash it was involved in. Contact was then made with Benjamin inside his residence. After advising Benjamin of his Miranda Rights, Benjamin subsequently admitted to being the driver of the Chevrolet Impala that struck both Dustin Gram and Ashley Copley.

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On August 3, 2018, Steven Benjamin turned himself in to Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Headquarters where he was charged with two counts of Failure to stop after an accident, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4549.02B2b. Both charges are felonies of the 4th degree.

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