

# Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### SCHOOL BUS CRASH WITH INJURIES IN ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

**Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, December 20, 2018** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a two-vehicle crash involving a Forest Hills School District bus which occurred in the 7900 block of Beechmont Avenue, in Anderson Township, on December 20, 2018 at 7:55 a.m.

A Forest Hills School District bus operated by John Demarco, age 54 of Covington, KY was turning left from eastbound Beechmont Avenue into the Pinnacle Plaza, 7900 Beechmont Avenue. As the bus turned, it entered into the path of a 2010 Ford Focus which was traveling westbound on Beechmont Avenue. The Ford was being operated by Emily Atwood, age 33, of Cincinnati, OH. Ms. Atwood was not able to avoid a collision and her vehicle struck the right side of the bus.

Ms. Atwood along with an 11 year old passenger in her vehicle, was transported to Mercy Health-Anderson Hospital by the Anderson Township Fire Department. Both are being treated for non life-threatening injuries. Two other passengers in Ms. Atwood's vehicle, ages 13 and 15, were transported to Childrens Hospital by the Anderson Township Fire Department for treatment of non life-threatening injuries. Five children on the bus, ages from 6 to 12, were transported by parents to Anderson Mercy for treatment of possible injuries.

All occupants of Ms. Atwood's vehicle were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash. Mr. Demarco was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

Neither speed, alcohol, nor drugs were factors in the crash.

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Mr. Demarco was cited for failure to yield while turning left, O.R.C. 4511.42, a minor misdemeanor.

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