

# Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff



## MEDIA RELEASE

### WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP INVESTIGATION

**Whitewater Township, December 12, 2018** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports on December 12, 2018 at approximately 12:52 am, Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to 5104 State Route 128 for the report of an "intruder" that had been shot by the homeowner.

Deputies arrived at the scene within minutes and found a male subject suffering from a gunshot wound in the living room of this single family home. Whitewater Township EMS responded; however, there was no sign of life. The Hamilton County Coroner's Office was requested to the scene to assist with the investigation. The deceased has been identified as Andrew Naegele, male/26 of Butler County, Ohio.

The homeowner, John Heard (male/38), reported to 911 that an intruder came into his residence and that he fatally shot him. The weapon was located inside the residence and Heard was transported to Sheriff's Patrol Headquarters to be interviewed by detectives.

Detectives since have learned that the "intruder" was known to Mr. Heard who he has since identified Naegele as his drug dealer, who was there to collect a debt owed for methamphetamine. Heard further indicated that while he was intimidated by this individual, he was aware that Naegele was coming to his home to collect money owed for drugs. The deceased has further been described as a member of the Iron Horsemen, a local 1% motorcycle gang.

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John Heard has been transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center charged with one count of Weapons Under Disability (2923.13 ORC) for being in possession of a firearm after being statutorily prohibited. This charge is a felony of the third degree.

The facts surrounding the death of Andrew Naegele are still under investigation. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Criminal Investigative Section will work with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office to determine what additional charges, if any, are appropriate regarding Naegele's death.

Detectives are attempting to locate a pickup truck that was observed by witnesses leaving the incident location, crossing State Route 128 and last seen heading west on Cilley Road immediately after the shooting. No further information is available from witnesses at this time to better describe this truck.

Anyone with additional information on this investigation is asked to contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigative Section at (513) 851-6000 or by contacting Crime Stoppers, where your information can be shared anonymously, at (513) 352-3040. Tips can also be submitted electronically by visiting the Crime Stoppers website and following the "submit a tip" icon.

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