

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASH IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

Whitewater Township, March 13th, 2019 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a single vehicle, fatal motorcycle crash which occurred on the ramp from westbound IR-74 to southbound IR-275 in Whitewater Township on March 13th, 2019 at 6:05 pm.

Robert Cogswell, male, age 56, of Dillsboro, Indiana was operating a 2001 Harley Davidson motorcycle on the ramp from westbound IR-74 to southbound IR-275 in the right lane of travel. Witnesses reported that Mr. Cogswell changed lanes from the right lane to the left lane and accelerated past slower moving traffic. As Mr. Cogswell entered a right bound curve, his motorcycle traveled off the left side of the roadway and onto the soft shoulder. Mr. Cogswell was not able to maintain control of his motorcycle which resulted in it tipping onto its right side. As a result, Mr. Cogswell was thrown from his motorcycle, suffering fatal injuries.

Mr. Cogswell was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. Alcohol and/or drugs are not believed to have contributed to the crash. Speed may have contributed to the crash. The crash remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Unit.

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