

# Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

## MEDIA RELEASE



### SERIOUS INJURY CRASH IN MT. HEALTHY

**Mt. Healthy, May 21, 2019** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil and Chief Vincent Demasi, Mt. Healthy Police Department, report a serious injury motor vehicle crash which occurred on S.R. 126 (Ronald Reagan Highway), just west of Hamilton Avenue, in the City of Mt. Healthy on May 21, 2019 at 4:57 p.m.

A 2016 Ford operated by Shannon Powers, male, age 36, of Bethel, Ohio was traveling eastbound on Ronald Reagan Highway just west of Hamilton Avenue. Mr. Powers allowed his vehicle to travel off the left side of the roadway and cross the grassy median. Mr. Powers' vehicle then entered into the westbound lanes where it struck, in a head-on manner, a 2004 Volkswagen operated by Joseph Gargano, male, age 61, of Cincinnati, Ohio. After striking the Volkswagen, Mr. Powers' vehicle continued out of control and was struck by a 2007 Toyota operated by Alex Hunter, male, age 32, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Hunter's vehicle was re-directed to the right as a result of this collision and it was then struck by a 2008 Cadillac operated by William Key, male, age 54, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Powers was transported to University Hospital, via Air Care, where he is being treated for non-life threatening injuries. Mr. Gargano was transported to University Hospital by the Springfield Township Fire Department where he is being treated for non-life threatening injuries. Mr. Hunter was transported to University Hospital by the Colerain Township Fire Department. Mr. Key was transported to University Hospital by the Reading Fire Department. Both were treated and released.

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Lenaya Sharp, female, age 20, of Edgewood, Kentucky, a passenger in Mr. Hunter's vehicle was transported to University Hospital by the Colerain Township Fire Department where she was treated and released. An infant passenger in Mr. Hunter's vehicle was transported to University Hospital by the Colerain Township Fire Department where she was evaluated and released.

Mr. Powers was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. All other drivers and passengers were properly restrained. Speed was not a factor in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit.