

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



FATAL CRASH IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

Whitewater Township, August 6th , 2019 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a fatal motor vehicle crash which occurred in the 8900 block of S.R. 128 (Hamilton Cleves Road) in Whitewater Township on August 6th, 2019 at 11:26am.

Austin Bruner, male, age 18 of Eldorado, Ohio was operating a 2012 Dodge Ram 5500 pick-up truck northbound in the 8900 block of S.R. 128 (Hamilton Cleves Road) negotiating a right bound curve. Mr. Bruner allowed his vehicle to cross the double yellow center line and enter into the southbound lanes. Mr. Bruner's vehicle was then struck in a head-on manner by a 1986 Peterbilt tractor semi-trailer which was operated by Richard Reilmann, male, age 43, of Sunman, IN.

Mr. Bruner sustained fatal injuries as a result of the crash. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Mr. Reilmann was transported by the Whitewater Township Fire Department to the University Of Cincinnati Medical Center where he is being treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Mr. Reilmann was utilizing his safety restraint at the time of the crash. Mr. Bruner was not utilizing his safety restraint at the time of the crash.

Speed, alcohol and/or drugs of abuse are not believed to have contributed to the crash.

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

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