

# Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

## MEDIA RELEASE



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### HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S CRUISER STRUCK ON IR-71

**Symmes Township, September 1, 2019** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a Hamilton County Sheriff's vehicle was struck on north IR-71 at the 19.2 mile post in Symmes Township on September 1, 2019 at 1219 am.

A marked cruiser was parked on the right shoulder of IR-71 with its visible overhead lights activated while the officer was out of the vehicle, backing up another officer on a traffic stop. Hitesh Sethi, male, age 36 of Loveland, Ohio was operating a 2016 Toyota Rav-4 northbound on IR-71. Mr. Sethi's vehicle traveled off the right side of the roadway and struck the cruiser near the 19.2 mile post. Mr. Sethi's vehicle began to rotate in a clockwise manner and rolled onto its left side where it came to final rest near the 19.3 mile post.

Mr. Sethi sustained minor injuries as a result of the crash and was not transported by the squad.

Mr. Sethi's passenger, Sonam Sethi, was transported by the Loveland Symmes Fire Department to Bethesda North Hospital where she is being treated for non-life threatening injuries.

The officers were not injured due to the crash.

Mr. Sethi and his passenger were utilizing their safety restraints at the time of the crash.

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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.