

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASH IN WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

Whitewater Township, January 6, 2020 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a fatal motorcycle crash which occurred in the 10800 block of Sand Run Road, in Whitewater Township, on January 6, 2020.

A 2002 Honda motorcycle, operated by Michael Dechow, age 28, of North Bend, Ohio, was traveling generally southbound in the 10800 block of Sand Run Road. As he was negotiating a left-bound curve, Mr. Dechow's motorcycle traveled off the right side of the road and struck a guardrail. Mr. Dechow was ejected as a result of the collision with the guardrail and came to rest in a creek.

A passing motorist observed Mr. Dechow's motorcycle and called 911 at 2:47 a.m. Responding Deputies found Mr. Dechow unresponsive in the creek at approximately 3:09 a.m. approximately 100 feet from the point at which the motorcycle struck the guardrail.

Mr. Dechow was pronounced dead at the scene.

Alcohol and/or drugs are not believed to have been factors in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit. Any witnesses to the crash are asked to contact the Traffic Safety Unit at (513) 825-1500.

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