

# Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

## MEDIA RELEASE



### POLICE VEHICLE STRUCK IN GREEN TOWNSHIP

**Green Township, June 4, 2020** – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil and Green Township Chief of Police James Vetter report a motor vehicle crash involving a Green Township Police Department vehicle which occurred at the intersection of North Bend Road and West Fork Road, in Green Township, on Thursday June 4, 2020 at approximately 11:39 pm.

A Green Township Police vehicle, operated by Officer Timothy Smith, was turning right from eastbound West Fork Road to southbound North Bend Road. Officer Smith entered the intersection on a green signal. Daniel Spegal Jr., age 23, of Delhi Township, Ohio, was operating a 2011 Chevrolet Camaro southbound on North Bend Road approaching West Fork Road. Mr. Spegal failed to observe a red traffic signal causing his vehicle to enter into the intersection and strike the left side of Officer Smith's vehicle. Officer Smith's vehicle was forced off the roadway and struck a traffic post causing it to rotate onto its top. Mr. Spegal's vehicle traveled off the right side of the roadway where it came to final rest.

Officer Smith was freed by mechanical means by the Green Township Fire Department and transported to University Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Mr. Spegal was transported to Mercy West Hospital by the Green Township Fire Department for treatment of non-life threatening injuries.

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Neither Mr. Spegal nor his passenger, Jonathan Burke, age 22, of Cincinnati, Ohio were utilizing their safety restraints.

Alcohol/drugs and speed appear to be factors in this 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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