

# Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

## MEDIA RELEASE



### Theft from Elderly

**Anderson Township, Sheriff Jim Neil, reports on December 3, 2020,** Hamilton County Sheriff Deputies became aware of a scam where an elderly resident of Anderson Township was called by person(s) unknown and told that a family member had been in an auto accident, and as a result of the severity of the auto accident the family member had been taken to jail. The resident was then told that if they came up with a substantial amount of U.S. Currency their family member would be freed on bond. The elderly resident made arrangements and paid person(s) unknown a large sum of U.S. Currency to get the family member out of jail. A few hours later the elderly resident was called back and asked for more money and told that some developments had occurred which would keep the family member in jail. That is when they became suspicious and alerted the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

Members of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Criminal Investigative Section set up surveillance and were able to stop and detain Jonathan Brown of Tampa Florida. As the investigation continued, it was discovered Mr. Brown was involved in the scam and was arrested and transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center, where he is being held on the charges of Attempted Theft from Elderly, and Telecommunications Fraud, both felonies.

During the investigation the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department was informed on several similar cases that have occurred over the past few days in

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surrounding areas. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Criminal Investigative Section is asking that anyone with information or any tips call Crime Stoppers at (513) 352-3040 or the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (513) 825-1500.