

# Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Charmaine McGuffey, Sheriff



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Pedestrian Fatality on SR-125

**Anderson Township, June 9, 2021** – Hamilton County Sheriff Charmaine McGuffey reports a pedestrian killed by a motor vehicle in front of 6849 Beechmont Ave. in Anderson Township on Wednesday June 9, 2021 at approximately 2201 hours.

A 2006 Toyota Camry operated by Andrea Bengal, F/48, of Cincinnati was traveling westbound in the 6800 block of Beechmont Ave. in the left lane. A pedestrian, Jee Han Park, M/57, of Cincinnati was walking eastbound in the bike lane on the south side of Beechmont Ave with his husband. The Toyota Camry ran off the left side of the roadway and struck Mr. Park. After striking Mr. Park, Ms. Bengal's vehicle struck a utility pole which threw Mr. Park off the vehicle and into the front yard of 6849 Beechmont Ave. Ms. Bengal was trapped in her vehicle with live wires on it. Duke Energy was called to the scene to shut power off before she could be extricated. Ms. Bengal was transported by UC Air Care to University Hospital for treatment of serious injuries. Mr. Park was pronounced dead at the scene. Mr. Park's husband, Joseph Sowma, M/67 was not injured in this incident.

Ms. Bengal was not utilizing safety restraints. Drugs or alcohol are believed to be a factor in this crash. This crash remains under investigation by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Traffic Safety Unit.

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