



For Immediate Release: July 27, 2020
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**Sheriff Office Investigating Sunday Evening Fatal Crash on
Middleburg Plain City Road**

On Sunday, July 26, 2020 at approximately 5:53 pm, the Union County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 emergency call reporting a one vehicle crash with serious injuries on Middleburg Plain City Road, west of State Route 38 in Union Township. Deputies and units from the Union Township Fire Department, Pleasant Valley Fire District, Jerome Township Fire Department, Marysville Fire Department and the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to the scene and found a 2005 Honda Accord on fire and two victims. Medflight responded to the scene and transported a female victim to the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, where she was listed in critical condition this morning. The second victim was pronounced deceased at the scene and has been identified as Alan J. Mello, age 32 of Columbus. The Union County Coroner's Office was called to the scene and the deceased victim was transported to the Montgomery County Morgue for an autopsy. The preliminary investigation has revealed the 2005 Honda Accord was driving eastbound on Middleburg Plain City Road when the driver failed to negotiate a curve, drove off the road, struck a tree, and rolled over. Drugs and alcohol are not considered to be a factor in the crash at this time and it does not appear the victims were wearing seat belts. Middleburg Plain City Road was closed for approximately five hours and the crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office.

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Crash Scene Photo:

