

*For Immediate Release*: December 24, 2020 Contact Person: Sheriff Jamie Patton (937)-645-4125

## Sheriff's Office Investigating Double Fatality on US Route 33

The Union County Sheriff's Office is investigating a single vehicle crash that has taken the lives of two Plain City area teenagers. On Thursday, December 24, 2020 at approximately 3:18 pm, the Union County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 call reporting a serious crash on US Route 33 east of Brock Road in Jerome Township. Deputies and units from the Jerome Township Fire Department and the Washington Township Fire Department responded to the scene and found a 2001 Toyota Tacoma approximately 70 yards off the south side of the roadway. The preliminary investigation has revealed the Toyota was traveling eastbound on US Route 33 when the vehicle lost control and drove off the right side of the road. The vehicle struck a fence and several trees, before coming to rest in a ditch. It does not appear the occupants were wearing safety belts and drugs and alcohol are not suspected to be factors in the crash at this time. Investigators have determined that unsafe speed for the road conditions at the time of the crash is a contributing factor. The victims have been identified as Jessica T. Devore, age 18 of Plain City and Carly J. Fleming, age 19 of Plain City. The victims were transported to the Montgomery County Morgue where autopsies will be performed. One lane of eastbound US Route 33 was closed for approximately three hours. The crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office, the Multi County Crash Investigation Team, and the Union County Coroner's Office.

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US Route 33 Scene Photos:



