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Sheriff's Office Investigating State Route 37 Fatality

On Monday, June 20, 2022, at approximately 4:02 pm, the Union County Sheriff's Office received a 9-1-1 call reporting a serious injury crash in the 24000 block of State Route 37 in Leesburg Township. Deputies and units from the Leesburg Township Fire Department, Northern Union County Fire and EMS District, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the Multi County Crash Investigation Team responded to the scene and found a 2003 Honda Accord had struck a John Deere Gator that was operating on the roadway. When emergency crews arrived, they found a male victim lying in the ditch unresponsive. MedFlight was called to the scene and transported the victim to Grant Medical Center and he did not survive. The deceased has been identified as James A. Gray, age 66 of Richwood.

The preliminary investigation has determined both vehicles were operating northbound on State Route 37 when the Honda Accord struck the back of the John Deere Gator. The impact of the crash ejected the driver of the John Deere Gator into a ditch along State Route 37. Alcohol and drugs are not suspected to be factors in the crash. The juvenile driver of the Honda Accord was wearing a safety belt and was not injured. State Route 37 was closed for approximately three hours and the crash remains under investigation.

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Crash Scene Photo:

