



Media Release

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State Patrol Investigating Fatal Crash

(BATH TOWNSHIP) – The Lima Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a two-vehicle fatal crash which occurred at 12:35 PM on Reservoir Road, west of Mumaugh Road, in Bath Township, Allen County.

A 2001 Ford Excursion, driven by Connor Brayton, age 21, of Lima, was westbound on Reservoir Road. A 2005 Dodge Neon, driven by Nancy Prater, age 78, of Elida, was eastbound on Reservoir Road. The Ford crossed the centerline and struck the Dodge, head-on.

Mr. Brayton was transported by ambulance to Lima Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. Mrs. Prater was transported by ambulance to Lima Memorial Hospital with life-threatening injuries. A passenger in the Dodge, Garry Prater, age 78, of Elida, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Allen County Coroner. Mr. Prater was transported by the coroner to the Lucas County Coroner's Office.

Mr. Prater was not wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor. The crash remains under investigation.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Allen County Sheriff's Office, Allen County Coroner's Office, Bath Township Fire and EMS, Perry Township EMS, as well as Kenny's Towing.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol reminds motorists to always wear a seatbelt.

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