



Media Release

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OSHP Investigating an Officer Involved Injury Crash on SR 117

Auglaize Township – On June 11, 2020, at approximately 2:31 PM, a trooper was dispatched to investigate a reckless driver complaint. The reckless vehicle was traveling westbound on State Route 117, near the Allen and Auglaize County line. The trooper observed the reckless vehicle and attempted to turn around to investigate the reckless vehicle. The trooper’s vehicle was struck by a separate vehicle causing both vehicles to become disabled.

Trooper Kenton Gibson, age 29, of the Lima Post, was traveling eastbound on SR117. Trooper Gibson was driving a 2017 Dodge Charger. Trooper Gibson attempted a U-turn and was struck by Min Zhao, age 54, of Dublin, Ohio. Ms. Zhao was driving a 2015 Toyota Avalon, also traveling eastbound on SR117, and struck the trooper’s vehicle.

Both drivers were injured. Trooper Gibson was taken to St. Rita’s Medical Center. Ms. Zhao was taken to Lima Memorial Hospital. Both drivers were treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted by the Allen County Sheriff’s Department, Westminster Fire & EMS, Army’s Towing and Blake’s Towing.

The crash remains under investigation.

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