



# Media Release

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## Patrol Investigates Fatal Traffic Crash on State Route 29 in Auglaize County

WAPAKONETA – Troopers from the Wapakoneta Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol are investigating a fatal crash that occurred on State Route 29, north of New Knoxville, near Holtkamp Road in Auglaize County.

On Monday June 22, 2020 at approximately 5:19 A.M. the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to a two vehicle injury crash.

Andrew Klosterman, age 35, from Celina, Ohio was driving a blue 2020 Honda Civic northbound on State Route 29. Russ Wiedeman, age 54, of Fort Jennings, Ohio was driving a black 1998 Honda Civic southbound on State Route 29. Mr. Klosterman's vehicle drove left of center for an unknown reason, and struck Mr. Wiedeman's vehicle head on. Mr. Klosterman's vehicle came to rest on the roadway and sustained severe disabling damage. Mr. Wiedeman's vehicle came to rest in a ditch on the west side of State Route 29. Mr. Wiedeman's vehicle sustained severe disabling damage.

Mr. Klosterman was transported by St. Marys EMS to Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys, for non-incapacitating injuries. Mr. Wiedeman was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Auglaize County Coroner's Office. He was transported from the scene by Miller's Funeral Home in St. Marys.

Impairment does not appear to be a factor in the crash.

Next of kin has been notified. The crash remains under investigation.

Departments assisting on scene:

- New Knoxville Fire Department
- St. Marys Fire/EMS
- Auglaize County Sheriff's Office
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Auglaize County Coroner's Office

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