



Media Release

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Fatal Car Crash on State Route 39 in Jackson Township

Jackson Township -The Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal car crash involving two vehicles at the intersection of State Route 39 and Myers Road in Jackson Township. The crash occurred south of Shelby, on November 2nd, 2023 around 2:23 pm.

Alan Vasquez, age 41, of Shelby, was driving a 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan westbound on Myers Road. John Dray, age 71, of Mansfield, was driving a 2018 Nissan Versa southbound on State Route 39. Mr. Vasquez proceeded westbound on Myers Road, crossing State Route 39, failing to yield to Mr. Dray. Mr. Dray struck Mr. Vasquez in the passenger side as the vehicles met in the southbound lanes of State Route 39. Mr. Dray came to rest in the southbound lane but Mr. Vasquez overturned and continued off the west side of State Route 39.

Mr. Dray and his wife, Terri, age 64, were transported to Ohio Health Mansfield by Shelby Fire and EMS. Mrs. Dray succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased by the attending physician. Mr. Vasquez sustained minor injuries but was not transported.

Shelby Police, Shelby Fire and EMS, the Richland County Coroner, Shelly Smith and Sons Towing, and Westside Towing assisted during the crash investigation.

The crash remains under investigation, impairment was not suspected.

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