



Media Release

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Norwalk Post investigating two-vehicle fatal crash

Norwalk – The Norwalk Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash that occurred on August 28, 2026, at 2:50 pm in Hopewell Township, Seneca County. The crash happened at the intersection of State Route 18 and County Road 26.

The preliminary investigation showed a 2015 Ford Taurus, operated by Hadiya Batts, 29, Tiffin, was westbound on County Road 26. Batts failed to yield at the posted stop sign at State Route 18 and was struck by a northwest bound 2015 Harley-Davidson Freewheeler, operated by Ronald Kuyken, 74, Fremont.

Ronald Kuyken suffered fatal injuries at the scene. Kuyken's passenger, Susan Kuyken, 65, Fremont was transported by ambulance to Mercy Health – Tiffin Hospital where she was later pronounced deceased. Batts received minor injuries and refused treatment at the scene. Mr. and Mrs. Kuyken were not wearing helmets, and Ms. Batts was wearing her seat belt.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted by the Seneca County Sheriff's Office, Bascom Fire Department, Tiffin EMS, Mercy Health Life Flight, John's Towing, Seneca County Coroner, Seneca County Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The intersection and roadways were temporarily closed for two hours during the investigation. The crash remains under investigation.

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