



FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Dallas Baldwin

Patrol Bureau

NEWS RELEASE

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Date: 01/24/2019

Time: 11:15 PM

Type of Incident: Fatal Pedestrian Traffic Crash
Date Occurred: 01/24/2019 Time Occurred: 7:19 PM
Location of Incident: Alum Creek Dr. south of Williams Rd., in the Village of Obetz, Hamilton Township, Franklin County

Narrative of Incident: Sheriff Dallas Baldwin states that the Franklin County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fatal pedestrian traffic crash which occurred today at approximately 7:19 PM on Alum Creek Drive south of Williams Road, in the Village of Obetz. A 1996 green Chevrolet Suburban driven by Kevin Hopewell, age 33 of Columbus, Ohio was travelling northbound on Alum Creek Drive south of Williams Road Gilberto Garza, age 64 of Columbus, Ohio, was crossing the roadway outside of the marked crosswalk eastbound on Alum Creek Drive from the Duke Gas Station at Alum Creek Drive and Williams Road. Mr. Garza was transported to Grant Hospital in critical condition where he later died from his injuries. The driver of the Chevrolet was not injured from this crash.

There is no indication that alcohol or drugs were a factor; This incident remains under investigation.