



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE
KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 08/12/2017
Complaint Number: 17-239791
Type of Incident: Critical Injury Accident
Reporting Officer: Deputy E. Stuart
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. Loughrin

On Saturday August 12th 2017 at 12:29 P.M., Kent County Deputies along with Cannon Township Fire and Rockford Ambulance responded to a personal injury accident at the intersection of Kies St. NE and Blakely Dr. NE in Cannon Township.

The investigation revealed a 2010 Honda Insight was stopped, at a stop sign, on Blakely Dr. at Kies St. The driver of the Honda, a 55 year old male from Courtland Township, moved forward into the intersection and proceeded to make a left turn onto Kies St. At the same time, a 2004 Ford Taurus, occupied by three sixteen year old males, was travelling eastbound on Kies St, approaching Blakely Dr. The driver of the Ford initiated a maneuver around the Honda, and while doing so lost control of the vehicle, left the roadway and struck an embankment on the southeast side of the intersection. The vehicle came to rest in the front yard of a private residence. The rear seat passenger of the Ford sustained a severe head injury and was unresponsive. It is unknown if he was wearing a seatbelt.

Two citizens removed him from the vehicle and began rescue efforts. When Kent County Deputies, Cannon Fire Rescue and Rockford Ambulance arrived they continued the rescue efforts. The injured male was transported to Spectrum Butterworth and was listed in critical condition.

Alcohol was not involved. The crash remains under investigation.