



Media Release

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Fatal Crash in Knox County

Knox County - The Mount Gilead Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a three vehicle fatal traffic crash that occurred on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 5:58 AM, at the intersection of Township Road 148 and State Route 586 in Clay Township, Knox County.

Kayla Jacobs, age 30 of Newark, Ohio, was operating a 2017 Chevrolet Equinox northbound on Township Road 148. Andrew McGee, age 31 of Utica, Ohio, was operating a 2009 Honda Fit eastbound on State Route 586. David Holmes, age 54 of Warsaw, Ohio was operating a 2014 Ford Fusion westbound on State Route 586. Ms. Jacobs failed to yield at a stop sign, entered the intersection and was struck by Mr. McGee. Mr. McGee then drove left of center and struck Mr. Holmes.

Mr. McGee was pronounced deceased at the scene. Ms. Jacobs and a 5 year old passenger were not injured. Mr. Holmes sustained minor injuries and was transported to Knox Community Hospital. Mr. Holmes, Ms. Jacobs and the 5 year old passenger were all properly restrained. Mr. McGee was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. Alcohol and drug use are not suspected to be contributing factors in this crash.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted on scene by the Knox County Sheriff's Office, Bladensburg Fire Department and EMS. The crash remains under investigation.

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