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MEDIA RELEASE

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3/23/2018

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Injury Traffic Crash

DATE: Friday, March 23, 2018

TIME: 12:54 PM

LOCATION: Carpenter Rd./Ellsworth Rd., Pittsfield Twp.

POLICE COMPLAINT NUMBER: 18-4347

INFORMATION: Pittsfield Police and Fire responded to a report of an injury traffic crash involving three vehicles. Investigators were able to determine that a 2014 Ford Escape being driven by an 89 year old male Pittsfield Twp. resident was turning left from westbound Ellsworth Rd. onto southbound Carpenter Rd. The Ford Escape then struck the curb in the southbound lanes and veered back across the southbound lanes and into the northbound lanes of Carpenter Rd. A 2015 GMC Terrain was stopped in traffic on northbound Carpenter Rd. and attempted to avoid being struck by the Ford Escape, moving forward and causing a minor rear end collision with a 2008 Honda Odyssey stopped in front of it. The Ford Escape struck the GMC Terrain in the rear driver door before it continued onto the sidewalk area on the east side of Carpenter Rd. before coming to rest. The driver of the Ford Escape was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where he was pronounced as deceased due to a medical condition. A preliminary investigation would indicate the driver suffered the medical condition just prior to the crash which caused him to lose control of his vehicle. No other vehicle occupants involved in the crash were injured. The Pittsfield Twp. Police Accident Investigation Unit is actively investigating the crash. If you were a witness to the crash please call Pittsfield Police at 734-822-4911.

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INJURIES: Deceased driver of the Ford Escape was identified as Gilbert Clyde Volk, w/m, DOB 2/4/29 of Pittsfield Twp.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION: To be conducted by the Pittsfield Twp. Police Accident Investigation Unit.

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