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MEDIA RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Fatal Traffic Crash

DATE: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 **TIME:** 334 AM

LOCATION: Michigan Ave./Sauk Trl., Pittsfield Twp.

POLICE COMPLAINT NUMBER: 21-424

INFORMATION: Pittsfield Police and Fire were dispatched to a traffic crash involving a car that struck a tree. Investigators determined the vehicle was traveling eastbound on Michigan Ave. when it lost control, crossed over the westbound lanes and shoulder and into a tree line before striking several trees. The driver, a 19 year old male resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, was found to have serious but non life-threatening injuries and was transported to a local hospital. The front seat passenger, a 20 year old Ypsilanti Twp. resident, died at the scene as a result of injuries sustained in the crash. Speed is being investigated as a factor in the crash.

INJURIES: Joni Schanck, a 20 year old female resident of Ypsilanti Twp. died at the scene.

SUSPECT(S): n/a

ADDITIONAL: n/a

FURTHER INVESTIGATION: Active Investigation

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