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**KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**

Date: 07-19-2014 Complaint Number: 14-131727

Type of Incident: UPDATE MOTORCYCLE FATAL CRASH

On 7-19-14 at approximately 1:12 PM two motorcycles driven by Richard Olthoff and Luke Knol were traveling east along 5 Mile Road near Byrne Ave. in Grattan Township when they came upon a tractor crossing the road. The tractor was being driven by Paul Blatner. Richard Olthoff and Luke Knol were unable to stop or avoid the tractor and both motorcycles crashed. Richard Olthoff died from injuries sustained in the crash and Luke Knol was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The crash remains under investigation; however, speed and alcohol are not believed to be factors.

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Supervisor Approval: