



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE  
KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 07/15/2017  
Complaint Number: 17-234342  
Type of Incident: Fatal Accident  
Reporting Officer: Deputy M Mills  
Supervisor Approval: Sgt Bobbie Jo Ritchie

On 07/15/2017 at approximately 0749 hours the Kent County Sheriff's Office responded to a personal injury accident on Hanna Lake Ave SE south of 92<sup>nd</sup> St SE, in Gaines Township. A silver Jeep driven by 83 year old Gerard Geerligs of Caledonia was southbound on Hanna Lake Ave SE when his vehicle struck 2 bicyclists that were also traveling southbound on Hanna Lake Ave SE.

The bicyclists were identified as 76 year old Clarence Doornbos of Caledonia and 69 year old Claire Elgersma of Kentwood. Both subjects were transported to a local hospital.

Clarence Doornbos sustained fatal injuries and Claire Elgersma sustained serious injuries.