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KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



DATE: 09/02/2017

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Car vs Pedestrian Fatal Accident

COMPLAINT NUMBER: 17-243551

REPORTING OFFICER: Deputy Ken Souser

SUPERVISOR APPROVAL: Sgt. Sal Vitale

On Saturday September 2nd, 2017 at 2:08 pm Kent County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a Car vs Pedestrian accident in the 7000 Block of Mindew Drive Sw in Byron Township.

Investigation revealed that a 9 year old boy was sitting in the driver seat of his great aunt's vehicle which was parked in the driveway of the home with the engine running. The boy's 7 year old sister was sitting in the front passenger seat.

The children were in the car waiting for their great aunt to come out of the house to go out to eat.

Witnesses observed the children's great aunt standing next to the open driver side door of the vehicle when the vehicle suddenly accelerated in reverse which knocked the great aunt to the ground.

The vehicle continued to accelerate in reverse and struck an unoccupied vehicle parked in the street.

The great aunt was transported to Butterworth Hospital where she later died as a result of her injuries.

The children were not injured and the accident remains under investigation.