



## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 9/15/2017  
Complaint Number: 17-245815  
Type of Incident: Fatal Traffic Accident  
Reporting Deputy: K. Burnham  
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. R. Porter

On 9/15/2017 at approximately 2023 hours Kent County Deputies, Courtland Fire, and Rockford Ambulance responded to a fatal car crash at the intersection of Ritchie Ave Ne and 15 Mile Road NE, Courtland Township. A thirty three old woman from Nelson Township was traveling Westbound 15 Mile with her twin 5 year old boys who were seat belted in car seats in the back of a their 2011 Ford Fusion. Their vehicle was struck by a Northbound 2015 F150 pickup. The driver of the Fusion was pronounced dead at the scene. Her two children were transported to Helon Devos Children's Hospital with life threatening injuries.

The driver of the pickup fled the scene on foot after the collision. Deputies searched the area with multiple canine units and were assisted by the Michigan State Police Helicopter for several hours. The suspect remains at large. Alcohol may have been a factor. The investigation is ongoing. Names are not being released pending family notifications.

If anyone has information about this accident please call 616 632-6100 or Silent Observer at 616 774-2345.