



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: 3-11-2018
Complaint Number: 18-112065
Type of Incident: Fatal Car Accident
Reporting Officer: Deputies Levand, Tuinhoff, and Carey
Supervisor Approval: Sgt. M. Morey

On 3-11-2018 at 0155hrs, responding Deputies were dispatched to the 12200 Block of Fruit Ridge Ave NW, Sparta Twp. County of Kent, for a Motor Vehicle Accident. Upon arrival to the scene, Deputies investigated that two separate car accidents had occurred. The initial accident involved a N/B 2007 GMC P/U Truck driven by a 41yo male and his female passenger. The P/U crossed the centerline and left the roadway. The P/U hit a driveway and flipped over. The truck landed on the passenger side in the ditch on the west side of the roadway. The male and female occupant exited the vehicle and attempted contact at a nearby residence on the east side of the road. A S/B passing vehicle observed the crashed P/U in the ditch. They stopped and called 911 to report what had occurred. During this time, the male and female from the crashed P/U walked back to the roadway. The male made contact with the stopped vehicle. The second accident occurred when the male was conversing with the stopped vehicle and walked back across the road to the west. The male victim walked into the path of a passing N/B vehicle. The male victim was struck by the passing N/B vehicle and died as the scene from his injuries. The victim was identified as a 41yo male from Jenison. Both crashes remain under investigation. Victim information will be released pending family notification.