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MEDIA RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Fatal Traffic Crash

DATE: Tuesday, October 05, 2021

TIME: 11:45 PM

LOCATION: Carpenter Rd., south of I-94, Pittsfield Twp.

POLICE COMPLAINT NUMBER: 21-12132

INFORMATION: Pittsfield Police were dispatched to a traffic crash involving a vehicle and a bicycle. A preliminary investigation showed that the vehicle was traveling northbound on Carpenter Rd. in dark conditions. The bicyclist was also traveling northbound in the same lane and was struck from behind by the vehicle. The bicyclist, a 63 year old male resident of Pittsfield Twp., sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The bicyclist was not wearing a helmet and did not have lighting on the bicycle or reflective clothing on at the time of the crash. The driver of the vehicle, a 22 year old male resident of Ypsilanti, was not injured. The driver of the vehicle remained on scene and was cooperative with crash investigators. The northbound lanes of Carpenter Rd. were closed for several hours while police investigated the crash.

INJURIES: Johnny Lavern James, a 63 year old male resident of Pittsfield Twp. sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

SUSPECT(S):

n/a

ADDITIONAL: The crash remains under investigation by the Pittsfield Police Accident Investigation Unit. Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is encouraged to contact police.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Pittsfield Township Police Department:

- Confidential TIP line: 734-822-4958 (Detective Bureau)
- General Information: 734-822-4911 (Front Desk)
- Request Police Response: 734-994-2911 (Metro Dispatch)

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