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Fatal Vehicle Crash/Fire in Kettering at 3851 Far Hills Avenue

Kettering- An early morning vehicle crash is fatal for one Kettering resident who was driving westbound on Earnshaw Drive at around 2:22 a.m. this morning.

Theodore C. Hale, 22, of Kettering, was fatally injured when the 1999 BMW 540 he was driving struck a detached garage at 3851 Far Hills Ave., and then collided with a natural gas regulator before catching fire.

The passenger in the vehicle, Phillip L. Vandeursen, also 22 and from Kettering, was taken to Miami Valley Hospital with burns and minor injuries that did not appear life threatening at the scene of the crash. Phillip Vandeurson pulled Theodore Hale from the vehicle after the crash.

Witnesses to the incident saw the BMW drive westbound across Far Hills Ave. at an extremely high rate of speed before colliding with the garage, a tree, and gas regulator.

Several witnesses attempted to provide life saving techniques to Mr. Hale as well as responding officers who arrived moments after the call was dispatched.

It is unknown at this time if the driver was intoxicated, but speed and failure to stop at a stop sign are known factors in the crash.

Laboratory tests will be conducted as part of the on-going crash investigation.

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