



Media Release

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Highway Patrol Investigates Fatal Crash on Zuercher Road

Sugar Creek Township - The Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash involving a pickup truck and a golf cart that occurred on Zuercher Road, approximately 0.1 miles south of Baumgartner Road.

On Monday, May 18, 2026, at approximately 5:55 p.m., troopers from the Wooster Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol responded to a report of a pickup truck striking a golf cart on Zuercher Road.

The preliminary investigation indicates a red 2008 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck was traveling southbound on Zuercher Road, while a green Tempo golf cart was traveling northbound and is believed to have been in the southbound lane. The Silverado swerved left to avoid the golf cart, but the golf cart then swerved right, back into the northbound lane, where the collision occurred.

Melvin Schmucker, 80, of Apple Creek, Ohio, was operating the golf cart and sustained serious injuries.

Katie Schmucker, 78, of Apple Creek, Ohio was a passenger in the golf cart. Mrs. Schmucker was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Henry Hershberger, 20, of Greenfield, Ohio, was operating the 2008 Chevrolet Silverado. He was wearing a seat belt and was not injured.

Assisting at the scene were the Kidron Fire and EMS, Paul Pratts Towing, and the Wayne County Coroner's Office.

The crash remains under investigation. Alcohol and/or drugs do not appear to be factors in the crash.

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