



Milan Post investigating a fatal crash on the Ohio Turnpike in Lorain County

MILAN – The Milan Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal crash on the Ohio Turnpike in Lorain County. The crash occurred on June 19th at approximately 11:54 a.m. in Elyria Township, Lorain County, at milepost 146.3 in the eastbound lanes of travel.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the crash occurred when an eastbound Toyota RAV4, operated by Najalee N. Rivera, 28, Lorain, Ohio, drove off the right side of the roadway, struck a guardrail, and overturned.

The vehicle was also occupied by 3 juvenile passengers. Juvenile male, 7, Lorain, Ohio; juvenile female, 8, Lorain, Ohio, and juvenile female, 4, Lorain, Ohio, who suffered non-life-threatening injuries and were transported by LifeCare ambulance to University Elyria Hospital. Najalee N. Rivera was not wearing a safety belt at the time of the crash, and she succumbed to fatal injuries at the scene.

The roadway was closed for three hours while the scene was cleared.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol was assisted by the Elyria Township Fire Department, Lorain County Coroner's Office, Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, and Rich's Towing.

The crash remains under investigation.

#

#

#