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### ***Sheriff's Office Investigating Multiple Vehicle Injury Crash on US Route 42***

The Union County Sheriff's Office and the Multi County Crash Investigation Team are investigating a multi vehicle crash that occurred on US Route 42 at the intersection of Bell Road on October 3, 2017. The crash closed U.S. Route 42 for approximately six hours.

At approximately 6:16 pm, the Union County Sheriff's Office received multiple 9-1-1 calls reporting a five-vehicle crash that resulted in a semi-truck and trailer crashing into a business at the intersection of US Route 42 and Bell Road in Jerome Township. Deputies and units from the Jerome Township Fire Department, Pleasant Valley Fire District, Concord Township Fire Department, Washington Township Fire Department, Delaware County EMS, and Marysville Fire Department responded to the scene. One victim was transported to Memorial Hospital and three victims were transported to Riverside Methodist with non-life-threatening injuries.

The preliminary investigation has determined a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado truck pulling a boat and trailer while traveling south bound on US Route 42 was driven left of center. A 2012 Dodge Ram pickup truck and trailer that was traveling north bound on US Route 42 then crossed the south bound lane and struck a 2016 Lexus sport utility vehicle. Other vehicles that were involved in the crash include a 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe that was struck and forced into a 2012 Honda Civic. The 2012 Dodge Ram was pulling a cattle trailer and the truck and trailer crashed into a business known as Buckeye Battery at 11219 US Route 42. The cattle trailer was found to contain a pregnant dairy heifer. The dairy heifer gave birth to a calf at the scene with the assistance of staff from the Ohio State University Large Animal Veterinary Clinic. Neither the dairy heifer nor the calf sustained any injuries.

Due to the structural damage sustained at the business, it was determined to be unsafe by a building inspector from the Union County Engineer's Office. The 2012 Dodge Ram and cattle trailer could not be removed from the building last night. Authorities will be working with the Union County Engineer's Office this morning to stabilize the building and remove the 2012 Dodge Ram. Investigators have determined that alcohol was not a factor in the crash. The crash remains under investigation.

The Multi County Crash Investigation team was assisted at the scene by the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Union County Engineer's Office, the Union County Emergency Management Agency, and Union Rural Electric.

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