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The Allen County Coroner's Office was advised of the motor vehicle crash located near the 21 mile marker on I469, at about 1645 hours, on Thursday, August 2, 2018. It was determined during that investigation that there were two fatally injured persons.

The autopsies have been completed and next of kin have been notified of the death of Benjamin T. Zimmerman, male white 20 years of age, of Defiance, Ohio and Joseph W. Hedges, male black 27 years of age, of Toledo, Ohio. Both were occupants of the same vehicle and were pronounced deceased on the scene.

Cause of Death on both, Benjamin T. Zimmerman and Joseph W. Hedges has been determined to be Blunt Force Injuries due to Motor Vehicle Crash and the Manner of Death is Accident.

This incident remains under investigation by the Allen County Sheriff's Department, the Allen County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and the Allen County Coroner's Office.

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