



# SHERIFF, OHIO COUNTY

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RE: Press Release

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On Sunday 03/24/2018 at approximately 0217 hours the Ohio County Sheriff's Office responded to investigate a crash at 452 Main Street, Wheeling WV. A vehicle that was traveling down Pike Street at an excessive speed for the road had crashed into a garage. The vehicle crossed Market Street where it intersected Pike Street and went airborne before crashing through the roof of the garage at 452 Main Street that formally housed a Detailing Shop. The crash stemmed from an altercation at Generations where the driver fled the scene. The driver was identified as Gerald Paul Dural Jr. (35 yoa B/M) of Sunset, Louisiana. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. The family has been notified by the Ohio County Sheriff's Office and the investigation is still open at this time.

The Ohio County Sheriff's Office is also investigating a crash involving two Wheeling Police cruisers that were responding to the fight at Generations. The first cruiser attempted to turn around in the roadway after seeing the fleeing vehicle in an attempt to identify it. The cruiser (1) then collided with another cruiser (2) which was responding to stop the fleeing vehicle. Both officers were transported to the hospital for minor injuries and vehicles were both listed as inoperable and towed from the scene.

Sheriff Thomas J. Howard