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Sheriff's Office Investigating Fatal Vehicle Fire

(Canal Winchester, Ohio February 21, 2019) Sheriff Dave Phalen reports that on February 20th, 2019 at approximately 11:18 PM, deputies were dispatched to a report of a vehicle fire in a field behind the Home Depot on Gender Rd., in Canal Winchester.

The Madison Township Fire Department responded and discovered a 1996 Chevrolet truck engulfed in flames. After the fire was extinguished a badly burnt body was located in the driver seat of the vehicle. The vehicle appeared to be stuck in the water and mud off the roadway behind Home Depot.

Sheriff Phalen further advised that Detectives from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office along with investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Office and Franklin County Coroner's Office are continuing to determine a positive identification of the deceased person as well as a possible mechanical cause of the fire.

Sheriff Phalen reports that this case is still under investigation, but advises, investigators do not believe foul play is involved.

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