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FATAL CRASH INVESTIGATION

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At approximately 1:46 P.M. on Wednesday May 13, 2015 deputies from the Hillsdale County Sheriffs Department were dispatched by 911 to a crash on S. Bird Lk Rd south of Tamarack Rd. in Ransom Township. Upon investigation it was determined that a pickup truck and pedestrian were involved this crash.

According to accident investigators it was determined that a 1999 Chevy S-10 pick up truck was being operated by Galen Hugh Waters age 56 of 9640 Gilbert Rd. Pittsford, MI. The Pedestrian was a one and a half year old Amish child.

Waters was north bound on S. Bird Lk Rd., Waters stated that he swerved to miss a child that was starting to walk across the road at the crest of a hill, he then began braking. He struck the child and came to rest further down the road. Waters exited his vehicle and went to help the child, he was then met by the child's family.

The Amish child was pronounced deceased at the scene by Hudson EMS. It was determined that Waters was wearing his seatbelt. The accident remains under investigation at this time. Deputies were assisted at the scene by members of the Woodbridge Fire Department, and Hudson EMS.

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