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FATAL CRASH INVESTIGATION

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At approximately 9:27 P.M. on Monday May 16, 2016 deputies from the Hillsdale County Sheriffs Department were dispatched by 911 to a crash on Jonesville Rd east of Squires Rd in Litchfield Township. Upon deputies arriving on scene they found the vehicles involved in the accident were a passenger vehicle and Semi Tractor – Trailer.

According to accident investigators it was determined that a 2007 Chrysler 300M four door being operated by Shaquanta Alexis-Marie-Toya Diehl 20, of Flint, MI. was eastbound on Jonesville Rd. Diehl's vehicle crossed the centerline striking a westbound semi tractor-trailer in the left front tire. Diehl's vehicle then departed the roadway to the south west coming to rest in the south ditch.

The semi tractor-trailer was a 2016 Freightliner with a 2017 box trailer driven by Sanford A. Bailey 59, of Greenwood, IN.

Diehl was treated by Life Care of Branch County along with Air Care of Kalamazoo, she was pronounced deceased at the scene at approximately 10:30pm. Bailey was treated by Reading Emergency unit and transported to Branch County Health Center.

The investigation shows the airbags in Diehl's vehicle did deploy properly but Diehl was not wearing her seat belt. Bailey was wearing his seat belt. The accident remains under investigation at this time. Deputies were assisted at the scene by members of the Allen Twp Fire Department, Litchfield Fire Department, Reading Emergency unit, Life Care Ambulance, Air Care of Kalamazoo and Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division.

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