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MEDIA RELEASE

Interstate 480 Fatal Motor Vehicle Incident

On Sunday February 14th 2016 at approximately 4:38 am the Brooklyn Police Department responded to Interstate 480 westbound on the report of a vehicle traveling the wrong way and colliding with another vehicle. Witnesses reported that it was a serious accident.

Officers found a 2005 White Ford F-150 Pickup turned upside down and 2016 Black Ford Fiesta with heavy driver's side damage.

The driver of the Ford Fiesta Kayla Coates (20 yrs old) of Cleveland was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the Ford F-150 pickup truck Mark Rafter (48 yrs old) of Brooklyn sustained serious injuries and was transported to Metro General Hospital and is currently being treated.

Initial investigation determined that Rafter was traveling east in the westbound lane when he impacted with Coates' vehicle.

The incident is still under investigation and upon completion Brooklyn PD will consult with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office on charges.