1 Killed, 4 Injured In Covington Tractor Cra

April 24, 2014: Covington - A Covington tractor crash Wednesday afternoon on Klinger Road has left one 14-year-old girl dead and four of her relatives injured.

Five members of a family believed to be part of the area's German Baptist community were riding in an agricultural tractor hauling a trailer when that trailer flipped for still unknown reason in the 8500 block of Klinger Road, Miami County sheriff's Maj. Steve Lord said.

Wednesday night, sheriff's Lt. Thomas Wheeler confirmed the identities of the injured:

Killed in the accident was Michelle Burns, of the 4000 block of Farrington Road

Tammy Burns, 43, Michelle's mother, was taken to Upper Valley Medical Center. She was no longer listed as a patient Thursday morning.

Darrin Warner, 18 months, was taken to Dayton Children's Medical Center by CareFlight. He was listed in fair condition Thursday morning.

Kelly Warner, 1 month, was taken to Dayton Children's by CareFlight. She was in fair conditon Thursday morning.

Lisa Warner, 20, Darrin and Kelly's mother, taken to Upper Valley and transferred to Miami Valley Hospital. Her condition was not known.

Tammy Burns also is Lisa Warner's mother and grandmother of the Warner children.

Wheeler said the preliminary investigation suggests the tractor and trailer were on the down
slope of an incline when the driver, Tammy Burns, apparently lost control of the vehicle.
Wheeler and Lord said investigators also are looking into whether the trailer may have been
carrying too much weight when it fishtailed and jackknifed at about 5 p.m.

Most of what was in the trailer was animal feed, Wheeler said, as well as some hand tools.

No other vehicles were involved.

Lord said families in the area that includes a large German Baptist community regularly use farm tractors for transportation, noting it's an agricultural community.

There are no seat belts in the tractor and it is not illegal for five people to be riding on a tractor, he said.

"I think it's an accident," the major said. "We'll be investigating to see if there was something that could have been done to limit it."

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