



SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Coventry Traffic Fatality

On Sunday, May 28, 2017, at approximately 4:45 p.m., the Summit County Sheriff's Office responded to a crash in Coventry Township. The crash occurred on South Main Street near the intersection of Leicester Drive. At approximately 4:43 p.m., a 1999 Ford Escort driven by a 24 year old New Franklin woman traveled over the fog line and struck 3 children walking northbound on South Main Street. A 14 year old female from Akron was pronounced dead at the scene. A 14 year old female from Coventry Township was transported to the Akron General Medical Center where she later died from injuries sustained in the accident. A 15 year old male from Coventry Township was transported to Akron Children's Hospital with serious injuries.

A benefit fund for the victims was set up at the Towpath Credit Union. The benefit was entitled "Walking on For You." In July of 2017, the Summit County Sheriff's Office was notified that one of the Walking on For You "volunteers" was allegedly stealing funds that were donated to the benefit. It was reported that the suspect was given donations for the benefit and she used the funds for her own personal gain.

On August 14, 2017, Melissa A. Szentes, age 40 of Akron was arrested and charged with Theft (M-1). Further charges are pending the outcome of the investigation. If anyone made a donation to Szentes, they should contact the Summit County Sheriff's Detective Bureau at 330-643-8635.