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INITIAL PRESS RELEASE

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Issued by: Deputy Mark Brecht

Type of Incident: Injury Accident

Location: St. Rt. 613 W. of St. Rt. 109

Information Released:

On March 17th, 2012 at 11:04 pm, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office received a report of a traffic crash on State Route 613 west of State Route 109 near the village of Leipsic. The operator of the vehicle, Joshua Kleman, 26, of Kalida Ohio, was traveling west on State Route 613 and drove off the right side of the roadway. Mr. Kleman overcorrected, causing him to lose control. Mr. Kleman struck a large boulder causing his vehicle to go airborne and strike two trees. He then fled the scene and a massive search was conducted due to signs of trauma at the scene. At 12:52 am he was found with minor injuries at a relative's residence in the village of Miller City. He was transported to Putnam County Ambulatory Care Center by Leipsic EMS. Assisting at the scene were Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Leipsic Police Department, Ottawa Police Department, Leipsic EMS, Putnam County EMA, Leipsic Fire Department, Ottawa Heavy Rescue, and Promedica Air Ambulance from Toledo. The crash remains under investigation.

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