UPDATE: Toledo Police Identify Smash and Grab Suspects Involved in Crash

Toledo, OH (September 24, 2019): Toledo Police are identifying the two men involved in an early Tuesday morning crash following a smash and grab in Point Place. John Gilmer, age 52, and James Roberts, age 32, were fleeing in a stolen truck from Toledo Police when they ran a red light on E. Manhattan at I-280 and struck a semi-truck. Dash camera footage released by Toledo Police on Tuesday shows the pickup striking the semi-truck, with part of the front end going underneath the semi-truck trailer. Both men had to be extricated from the vehicle by the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department before being transported to Mercy St. Vincent’s Hospital. Mr. Gilmer was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Mr. Roberts remains in critical condition suffering from life-threatening injuries.

Toledo Police responded to calls of a breaking and entering at the Stop & Go on N. Summit around 1:00 a.m. A witness stated a truck was observed fleeing. Responding units spotted the truck on E. Manhattan and determined it to be a vehicle that was reported stolen earlier in the evening. A traffic stop was initiated, but the truck failed to stop. Officers were in pursuit of the truck inbound on E. Manhattan when the crash occurred.

Toledo Police accident investigators and detectives continue to investigate. However, detectives have found significant evidence indicating Mr. Gilmer and Mr. Roberts were the same suspects that broke into the Stop & Go at 4833 N. Summit St. just prior to fleeing from police in a stolen vehicle. Anyone with additional information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 419-255-1111.

See link for TPD dash-camera video: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1g1XzgAE-tROdPuHZwXB7JSKoTbvRtNWT