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The Preble County Sheriff's Office is investigating a (2) vehicle fatal crash that occurred at approximately 2:47 P.M. today, on State Route 503 near the north corporation limits of West Elkton.

The preliminary investigation indicated that a 2006 Maroon Saturn traveling northbound was struck by a southbound 2002 Green Toyota MR2 Spyder. Evidence at the scene and witness accounts indicate that the Toyota was left of center at the time of the crash. Upon impact, the Toyota caught fire and the driver was trapped.

Sidney Hacker, age 18 of Middletown, Ohio, who was the driver of the Saturn, was transported to Kettering Hospital in Kettering by MedFlight with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the Toyota was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators are not releasing the name of driver until next of kin can be located and notified. The driver was transported to the Montgomery County Coroner's Office where an autopsy is expected to be completed tomorrow. It is unknown at this time if drugs or alcohol were a factor in this crash.

State Route 503 remained closed for approximately 2 ½ hours while deputies conducted their investigation.

Gratis EMS, Gratis Fire Department and West Elkton – Gratis Twp. Fire Department, and the Ohio Department of Transportation responded to the scene.

The crash remains under investigation by the Preble County Sheriff's Office and the Preble County Coroner's Office.