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Press Release

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OFFICE POINT OF CONTACT: Sheriff Gordon Ellis

SUBJECT: Heavy Equipment Fatality

On April 5, 2019 at approximately 1:15 PM the Brown County Communications Center received a call advising of a male subject that had been ran over by a bull dozer. Once on scene deputies located Walker Brightwell, 25 year old male, with injuries consistent with the reported accident. Witnesses advised that the Brightwell subject was operating the bulldozer at the Windy Ridge Motocross Park. The Brightwell subject got off the bulldozer and started to walk away until he realized that the bulldozer was still moving. The Brightwell subject attempted to get back into the cab to stop the bulldozer but lost his footing and was run over by the machine.

Ripley Fire and EMS responded and rendered first aid at the scene. Air Evac responded and transported the Brightwell subject to University of Cincinnati Hospital where he was later pronounced dead.