



# WESTERVILLE DIVISION OF POLICE

## Press Release

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<b>Subject:</b>	OVI / Crash		
<b>Releasing Officer:</b>	Sgt. Anthony Rudd #466		
<b>Date:</b>	September 14, 2011		
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On Tuesday, September 13 at 11:48 p.m. a Westerville Police officer observed an oncoming vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on County Line Rd. in the area of Windemere Dr. The vehicle was clocked by radar at 86 mph in a posted 35 mph zone.

The officer turned his cruiser in an attempt to perform a traffic stop but lost sight of vehicle.

The vehicle continued at a high rate of speed westbound and attempted to turn north onto State Route 3. The driver, later identified as John A. Burke (23), 7034 Africa Rd. Galena, Oh. 43021, was unable to complete the turn and lost control.

The vehicle left the roadway and struck a utility box at the northwest corner of the intersection. It then struck the corner of the residence located at 423 N. State St. (SR3) and made intrusion into a bedroom occupied by a 2 year old female who was unhurt as a result of the crash.

Burke and his passenger, Sierra L. Roof (19), 1328 Winningham Ln. Columbus, Oh. 43240, were uninjured.

Initial investigation revealed that Burke was operating under the influence of alcohol and he was placed under arrest for OVI. Other charges included OVI (Breath), Speed (Excess of 55 mph), Willful/Wanton Reckless Operation and Failure to Control. He was transported to the Delaware County Jail.

His passenger, Sierra Roof, was released at the scene. Pending charges include Possession of Alcohol (Underage), Consumption in a Motor Vehicle and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

For further information, please contact Sgt. Anthony Rudd at (614) 901-6450.