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## **UPDATE: Tragic Accident During Memorial Day Parade**

GREEN – On Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11:23 am, Matthew Schultz, a 13year-old male from North Canton, Ohio was riding on a trailer sponsored by Air Ninja Gym as it participated in the City of Green's Memorial Day parade. The trailer was a dual-axle car hauler and was being pulled by a Ford F-150 pickup truck.

The truck and trailer were approximately 200 feet north of the roundabout at Massillon Road and Steese Road when Matthew fell from the front of the trailer and was subsequently struck by the trailer's tires.

There was a total of seven children ranging from 7 to 13 years of age riding on the trailer, in addition to one adult on either side of the trailer. The truck and trailer were traveling at or below 5 mph at the time of the incident.

Green Fire and EMS were two vehicles behind the trailer in the parade. They witnessed the accident and immediately responded. Matthew was transported to Akron Children's Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Massillon Road was closed for approximately 2 hours as The Summit Metro Crash Team processed the scene under the direction of the Summit County Sheriff's Office. The incident remains under investigation and no additional details are available at this time.