



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Date: April 8, 2019

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 4/8/19

Time: 2:15 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: Sullivant Ave. / Catherine St.

Zone: 3

Precinct: 8

Incident Report #: 190272457

Cruiser District: 80

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Incident Summary: On April 8, 2019 at approximately 2:15 AM, a 2006 Chevrolet SUV was eastbound on Sullivant Ave. west of Catherine St. when its driver lost control. The vehicle spun sideways into a wooden utility pole at the southeast corner of Sullivant Ave. and Catherine St. The crash resulted in a fire that consumed the vehicle and its sole occupant. Fire also damaged the front of the business at 1641 Sullivant Ave.

Fire/EMS crews responded and extinguished the fire. The occupant of the vehicle was pronounced dead at the scene.

Identification of the decedent (and subsequent next of kin notification) is pending.

The investigation is ongoing.

To date in Columbus, we have had 11 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 13 fatalities.

*****UPDATE:** On April 9, 2019 the Franklin County Coroner's Officer confirmed the identity of the decedent as Joseph Lee Spencer (32) of Nashoba Ave.

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