# Media Information

**Columbus Division of Police**

**Date: 7/16/2020**

**Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit**

Thomas Quinlan, Chief of Police

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**Ext:**

**Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Hit & Run**

**Date: 7/16/2020**

**Time: 3:14AM**

**Location of Offense/Incident: Sullivant Ave at I-70 Ramp**

**Zone: 3**

**Precinct: 8**

**Incident Report #: 200523181**

**Cruiser District: 80**

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**Charges:**

**Suspect:**                                                    **Address:**

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**Incident Summary:**   On 7/16/2020 at 3:14AM, Mr. Virlent Whaley (43) of Columbus, was walking in the eastbound lanes of Sullivant Ave., just west of the I-70 eastbound ramp.  Shortly thereafter, an eastbound vehicle struck Mr. Whaley. The vehicle stopped briefly but then fled the area. Mr. Whaley was transported to Grant Medical Center in critical condition.

Mr. Whaley was pronounced dead at 3:40AM at Grant.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded and initiated an investigation.  Parts found at the crash scene belong to a 2005 to 2010 Chrysler 300, witnesses stated it was black in color.

Anyone who has any information related to this crash is asked to contact Central Ohio Crime Stoppers.

To date in 2020, Columbus has had 28 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 30 fatalities.

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