

Media Information



Columbus Division of Police

Date: 08/05/20

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 8/5/20

Time: 5:23 p.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: Refugee Rd./Schwartz Rd.

Zone: 2

Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 200582247

Cruiser District: 94

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Incident Summary: On Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 5:23 PM, Ms. Antonette Smith (25) of Refugee Rd., was operating a Nissan Altima eastbound on Refugee Rd. She attempted to pass other eastbound traffic by driving left of center, entering the westbound lanes. Ms. Smith's vehicle struck a westbound Ford Escape driven by Ms. Lauren Murphy (38) of Worthington. Ms. Smith's vehicle then re-entered the eastbound lanes and struck a GMC Yukon, being driven by Mr. Luis Pagan (43) of Gallant Dr. This collision forced Mr. Pagan's vehicle into a light pole. Ms. Smith's vehicle then struck a Pontiac G6 being driven by Mr. Justin Legg (22) of Bleaker Ave. During these multiple collisions two children, Aryian Smith (4) and Amir Parks (16 months), were ejected from Ms. Smith's car. Amir Parks was subsequently overrun by Ms. Smith's car.

Aryian Smith and Amir Parks were both transported by EMS to Nationwide Children's Hospital. Aryian Smith was admitted in critical condition and Amir Parks was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

There were no other injuries reported.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded and initiated an investigation.

To date in 2020, Columbus has had 37 traffic fatalities.

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