

# Media Information



**Columbus Division of Police**  
**Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit**

**Date: January 4, 2021**

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**Ext:**

**Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Crash**

**Date: 1/3/21**

**Time: 11:20PM**

**Location of Offense/Incident: I-71 s/b s/o St Rt 104**

**Zone: 3**

**Precinct: 10**

**Incident Report #: 210007237**

**Cruiser District: 105**

<b>Victim:</b>	<b>Sex:</b>	<b>Race:</b>	<b>Age:</b>
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**Incident Summary:** On Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 11:20 PM, John Doe was crossing I-71 southbound south of State Rt 104. John Doe was struck by a southbound vehicle driven by Mr. James Puckett (46) of Orient, Ohio. John Doe came to rest in the left southbound lane where he was struck by two other vehicles that remained at the crash scene.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded and initiated and investigation, which is ongoing.

Mr. Doe's identity is pending.

To date in 2021, Columbus has had 3 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 3 fatalities.

\*\*\*\*\* Update - On February 1, 2021, the Franklin County Coroner's Office advised that they have positively identified the decedent as Mr. Travis Harper (42) of Columbus.

The investigation is ongoing.

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