

Media Information



Columbus Division of Police

Date: 3/1/2021

Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 3/1/2021

Time: 3:15AM

Location of Offense/Incident: I-71 s/b n/o E. 17th Ave

Zone: 4

Precinct: 5

Incident Report #: 210141344

Cruiser District: 53

Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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Incident Summary: On 3/1/2021 at 3:15 am, Curtis Thompson (53), of Columbus, was operating a 2010 Honda CRV southbound on I-71 between Hudson Ave and E. 17th Ave. At the same time Christopher Hughes (42), of Columbus, was operating a 2012 Subaru Outback northbound in the southbound lanes of I-71. The front of the Subaru struck the front of the Honda. CPD and CFD responded to the crash scene. Mr. Thompson was pronounced dead at the scene. A passenger in the Honda, Shawna Towns-Thompson (51), of Columbus, was transported to Grant Medical Center in stable condition, and Mr. Hughes was transported to Grant in critical condition. Mr. Hughes was pronounced dead at Grant at 6:21am.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded to the scene and initiated an investigation, which is ongoing.

This is the 14th reported fatal motor vehicle crash (resulting in 16 fatalities) in the city limits of Columbus, Ohio, for 2021.

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