



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 3/2/2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 3/1/2021

Time: 10:33pm

Location of Offense/Incident: I-270 n/b s/o I-70 (Eastside)

Zone: 2

Precinct: 20

Incident Report #: 210143293

Cruiser District: 201

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**Incident Summary:** On 3/1/2021 at 10:33pm, Yuriy Nikutin (37) of Schaumburg, IL was operating a 2006 Peterbilt tractor trailer northbound in the right lane of I-270 at mile marker 43.4 (just south of I-70 on the east side of Columbus) when he came across a disabled 2013 Chevrolet Impala sticking out from the berm into the right lane. The right front of the Peterbilt struck the front left side of the Impala. The impact ejected Chandra Basnet (18) of Reynoldsburg, out of the open drivers side door. The Peterbilt continued northbound and struck a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu that was parked on the berm due to a prior noninjury crash with Ms Basnet's Chevrolet. Lana Fina was seated in the Malibu, but was not injured. The Peterbilt came to rest on the berm north of the Malibu. After Ms Basnet was ejected from her Impala she was struck by a unknown vehicle that fled the crash scene. CPD and CFD responded to the crash scene. CFD Engine 23 pronounced Ms. Basnet dead at 10:46pm. There were no other reported injuries in this crash.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded to the scene and initiated an investigation, which is ongoing. The freeway reopened at 4:18 AM.

To date in Columbus in 2021, there have been 16 reported fatal motor vehicle crashes, resulting in 18 fatalities.

Anyone with any information on the Hit and Run vehicle should call Central Ohio Crimestoppers

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