



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 04/28/2021

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 04/28/2021

Time: 5:26 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: I-670 under N. High St. cap

Zone: 5

Precinct: 16

Incident Report #: 210288631

Cruiser District: 164

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Incident Summary: On Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at approximately 5:26 AM, Mr. Curtis Akers (50) of Bremen, Ohio, was alone operating a Freightliner dump-truck westbound on I-670, west of N. 4th St. At this time, Mr. Thomas Kieffer (30) of Gahanna, was alone operating a Honda Accord, also westbound on I-670 west of N. 4th St. During a lane-change under the N. High St. cap, the two vehicles sideswiped, sending Mr. Kieffer's Honda into the right-hand wall and Mr. Akers' truck into the left-hand wall. Mr. Akers was taken to Grant Medical Center in life-threatening condition. Mr. Kieffer was evaluated by EMS at the scene, but was uninjured.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded and initiated an investigation. The freeway was cleared and reopen at 10:45 AM.

Mr. Akers later died at Grant Medical Center.

To date in 2021 in Columbus, there have been 27 fatal traffic crashes resulting in 30 fatalities.

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