



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Traffic Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 11/26/21

Time: 3:06 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: I 71 & Polaris Pkwy.

Zone: 1

Precinct: 1

Incident Report #: 210895505

Cruiser District: 10

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**Incident Summary:** On 11/26/21 at approximately 3:06 AM, a gray 2005 Ford Escape was traveling northbound in the left lane of northbound I 71 south of Polaris Pkwy. A silver 2012 Honda Civic entered I 71 traveling southbound in the northbound lanes at the Gemini Pl. exit ramp. The Escape and the Civic struck each other head-on in the left northbound lane of I 71. The driver and passenger of the Escape were transported to Riverside Hospital where they were pronounced dead at 3:54 AM and 3:55 AM. The driver of the Civic was transported to St. Ann's Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 4:01 AM.

These are the 91<sup>st</sup>, 92<sup>nd</sup>, and 93<sup>rd</sup> traffic related fatalities of 2021 in the City of Columbus.

**\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*\***

The driver of the involved Ford Escape has been identified as T'naya Douglas (19) of Mansfield, OH. The passenger of the involved Ford Escape has been identified as Zhakyla Jackson (19) of Mansfield, OH. The driver of the involved Honda Civic has been identified as Jacinto Mejia De La Cruz (26) of Columbus, OH.

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