



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 02/05/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Serious Harm Traffic Crash

Date: 02/04/2023

Time: 10:47 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: I-71 SB & Cooke Rd

Zone: 4

Precinct: 2

Incident Report #: 230086557

Cruiser District: 20

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**Incident Summary:** On 02/04/23 at approximately 10:47 p.m. a 2002 Hyundai Elantra with two occupants was traveling southbound on Interstate 71 approaching the overpass over Cooke Road. Behind this vehicle and further back, a CPD police cruiser and a 2017 Chevrolet Cruze were also traveling southbound. For clarification, the CPD cruiser was in transit to another location and was not in pursuit of the Hyundai. The driver of the Hyundai reportedly lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the concrete center divider, coming to rest facing northbound. The driver of the Hyundai then proceeded to continue to operate the vehicle, now traveling in a northbound direction in the southbound lanes of Interstate 71. The CPD cruiser took evasive action but was struck by the Hyundai, resulting in minor damage to the cruiser. The Hyundai then continued northbound from that point and struck the Chevrolet in a head-on crash. The involved officer and the driver of the Chevrolet were treated at scene by responding EMS with no transport required. The driver and passenger of the Hyundai were transported to the Riverside Methodist Hospital in stable condition but were later determined to have suffered significant injuries. The Accident Investigation Unit was then notified and responded to initiate an investigation. This investigation is currently ongoing.

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