## **Media Information**



## **Columbus Division of Police** Homicide Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 3/12/23

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POLICE	Elaine R. Bryant, Chief of Police					
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Type of Offens	se/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash	Date	: 3/12/23	Time: 2:04 PM Precinct: 20		
Location of Of	fense/Incident: I-270 & 33	Zone	e: 2			
Incident Report #: 230179674		Cruiser District: 200				
Victim:		Sex: M	Race: W	Age: 50's		
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Suspect:		Address:				
Arrested	Warrant on File	Sex:	Race:	Age:		
Charges:						
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Incident Summary: On 3/12/23 at approximately 2:04PM a Silver Mercedes Benz SUV and a Black Honda Fit were traveling south on I-270 south of 33. The Honda Fit was driven by Michelle Meier and was attempting to pull into the U-turn (turnaround) drive between the southbound and northbound traffic of I-270. The Honda Fit struck the Mercedes causing it to overturn. The driver of the Mercedes was ejected from the vehicle. The driver of the Mercedes was pronounced deceased at the scene. The identity of the Mercedes Benz driver is being withheld until the Coroner's Office makes a positive identification. Two Children from the Mercedes were transported to Children's Hospital and are in stable condition. The driver of the Honda Fit was transported to Mt. Carmel East Hospital and is in stable condition.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded to the scene and initiated an investigation that is on-going

This is the 18th traffic related death in the City of Columbus in 2023.

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