



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Homicide Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 04/02/2025

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash AIU-38-25

Date: 04/02/2025

Time: 01:39 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: I-71 NB & I-670 Interchange

Zone: 6

Precinct: 5

Incident Report #: 250223192

Cruiser District: 50

Victim: Jahara Tunkara

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 22

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

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Suspect:

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Incident Summary: On April 2nd, 2025, at approximately 1:39 a.m., Mr. Jahara Tunkara (22) was operating a gray, Nissan Rogue, northbound on Interstate 71, within the area of the Interstate 670 interchange. For reasons which remain under investigation, the Nissan came to a stop within the moving lanes of the freeway and remained stationary in that position. At this same approximate time, a red, International semi-trailer truck was northbound on Interstate 71, approaching the location where the Nissan was obstructing the moving lane. The semi-trailer truck struck the Nissan in the rear of the vehicle and Mr. Tunkara was severely injured as a result of the crash. Mr. Tunkara was transported to the OSU Wexner Medical Center by responding EMS, but later succumbed to his injuries. Mr. Tunkara was pronounced dead, at the hospital, at 2:23 a.m. on the same date.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded to the scene and initiated an investigation which is ongoing.

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