



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Date: 2/7/2025

Homicide Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Crash

Date: 2/7/2025

Time: 12:06 am

Location of Offense/Incident: S/B I-71 N/O E. 17th Ave.

Zone: 6

Precinct: 5

Incident Report #: 250088083, AIU 13-2025

Cruiser District: 53

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Incident Summary: On 2/7/2025 at 12:06 am, Ariana Williams was operating her KIA Forte northbound in the southbound lanes of I-71 north of E. 17th Ave. At the same time, an adult was operating their Ford Fusion southbound in the right lane. The passenger side of the KIA struck the passenger side of the Ford. The KIA continued northbound and then struck a southbound Jeep Grand Cherokee head-on. The impact caused both vehicles to rotate counterclockwise. The Jeep went off of the west side of the roadway, and the KIA went into the middle lane. The KIA was then struck by a southbound Volvo semi. The impact ejected Ms. Williams from the KIA.

CFD Engine #13 arrived at the crash scene and pronounced Ms. Williams dead at 12:14 am. CFD medics transported the three adults from the Jeep to Grant Medical Center in stable condition. The adult drivers from the Ford and the Volvo were treated at the crash scene.

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

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