



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 01/08/2026

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 01/07/2026

Time: 9:59 pm

Location of Offense/Incident: I 70 & I 71 (East side split)

Zone: 5

Precinct: 12

Incident Report #: 260016667 AIU-2-26

Cruiser District: 120

Victim: Adult	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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Suspect:	Address:			
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Incident Summary: On 01/07/26 at approximately 9:59 pm, an adult was operating a Kawasaki motorcycle traveling westbound on Interstate 70, near the east side split with Interstate 71. For reasons still under investigation, the adult was ejected from the motorcycle. The adult was transported to an area hospital, where they were later pronounced deceased.

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

Any person with knowledge of the involved vehicle or driver is encouraged to contact the Accident Investigation Unit at (614) 645-4767. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may contact Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-8477.

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