



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 03/25/2026

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 02/13/2025

Time: 2:02 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: I 71 & E Broad St

Zone: 6

Precinct: 7

Incident Report #: 260102477 AIU-20-26

Cruiser District: 70

Victim: Sean Price	Sex: M	Race: B	Age: 53
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Suspect: Askar Ismail	Address:
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M
	Race: O
	Age: 52
Charges: 2903.06(A)(4) Vehicular Manslaughter	
Suspect: Joe M. Howard	Address:
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M
	Race: B
	Age: 58
Charges: 2133.01 (A)(4)OVI, 2133.02 Wreckless Operation, 2141.12 (A)(1) No Ops, 2135.12(A) Hit-Skip 2131.13(A) Driving on Divided Roadway	

Incident Summary: ** Case Update The above listed charges were filed 03/25/26 on Mr. Ismail and Mr. Howard.

Mr. Howard who was driving the black Chrysler Town & Country was charged with OVI, Wreckless Operation, No Ops, Hit-Skip and Driving on Divided Roadway due to his involvement in the initial accident at the scene. Mr. Ismail was driving the tractor-trailer was charged with Vehicular Manslaughter for hitting and killing Mr. Price who's Ram 1500 vehicle that was stopped at the scene of the first accident.**

On 02/13/26 at approximately 2:02 am, a black Chrysler Town & Country was traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of Interstate 71, near East Broad Street. The black Chrysler struck a blue Ford F-150 and a tractor-trailer while they were traveling northbound. As a result of the crash, a Ram 1500 slowed or stopped to avoid the involved vehicles and was rear-ended by another northbound tractor-trailer.

The driver of the black Town & Country fled the scene on foot. The driver of the Ram 1500 was transported to an area hospital for treatment, but was later pronounced deceased. The drivers of the other vehicles were uninjured.

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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