



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 08/26/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Serious Injury Hit-Skip Traffic Crash Date: 08/26/2023 Time: 3:02 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: Whitethorne Ave & Safford Ave Zone: 3 Precinct: 8

Incident Report #: 230665123 Cruiser District: 80

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**Incident Summary:** On August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at approximately 3:02 a.m., Adult Victim #1 was operating a black, 2014 Honda Shadow motorcycle, westbound on Safford Avenue approaching a stop sign at the Whitethorne Avenue intersection. The motorcycle stopped at the intersection and then proceeded to continue westbound into the intersection. At this time an unidentified vehicle entered the same intersection traveling northbound on Whitethorne Avenue. The unidentified vehicle struck the motorcycle within the intersection and then fled the scene, continuing northbound on Whitethorne Avenue toward Sullivant Avenue. The operator of the suspect vehicle did not stop and did not attempt to offer aid to the operator of the motorcycle who lay injured on the side of the roadway. The operator of the involved motorcycle was found to have suffered serious injury and was transported to the Grant Medical Center by responding EMS. At this time the victim is expected to survive. The suspect vehicle was described as a white or silver, mid-sized SUV, possibly a Jeep, and should have significant front end damage.

The Accident Investigation Unit responded to the scene and initiated an investigation which is ongoing. Any person who has knowledge of the suspect vehicle or operator is asked to contact the Accident Investigation Unit at (614) 645-4767. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may contact Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS.

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