



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 9/18/2023

Time: 2:00am

Location of Offense/Incident: I-70 w/b w/o St Rt 33

Zone: 2

Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 230728430

Cruiser District: 94

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**Incident Summary:** On 9/18/2023 at 2:00am, a Ford Focus was traveling eastbound in the in the westbound lanes of I-70 approaching St Rt 33. At the same time a Kia Seltos was westbound on I-70 just west of St Rt 33. The front of the Focus clipped the driver's side of the Seltos. This caused the Seltos to rotate counter-clockwise then flip twice. The Seltos came to rest next to the median wall facing southbound. The Focus continued eastbound and struck a Honda Accord head-on. The Accord rotated counter-clockwise and came to rest on the right shoulder facing southbound. The driver of the Accord was transported to Grant Medical Center in critical condition. The driver of the Focus was transported to Grant in serious condition. The front seat passenger of the Focus was pronounced dead at the crash scene by CFD EMS 14. The rear seat passenger of the Focus was transported to Grant in critical condition. Both occupants of the Seltos were transported in stable condition to OSU East Hospital. 3 other vehicles were struck and ran over debris, there were no reported injuries from these vehicles

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

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