



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 6/30/2024

Time: 10:19 pm

Location of Offense/Incident: W/B I-70 ramp to I-71 N/B

Zone: 5

Precinct: 12

Incident Report #: 240476706

Cruiser District: 120

Victim: Richard C. Barnett	Sex: M	Race: B	Age: 54
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**Incident Summary:** On 6/30/2024 at 10:19 pm, an adult was operating a 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer on the westbound I-70 ramp to I-71 northbound. For reasons still under investigation the adult lost control of the Chevrolet. It then ran off the left side of the roadway into the median wall. The impact caused the Chevrolet to flip and land on its driver's side. It slid back across the ramp to the right side of the roadway striking the curb and coming to rest. The adult was pinned under the Chevrolet. Columbus Fire EMS #14 arrived and pronounced the adult deceased.

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

**\*\*UPDATE\*\*** The involved vehicle operator has been positively identified as Richard C. Barnett (54)

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