



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Accident Investigation Unit

Date: 9/24/2024

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Type of Offense/Incident: Fatal Traffic Crash

Date: 9/24/24

Time: 12:54 am

Location of Offense/Incident: Woodland Ave at E. 17th Ave.

Zone: 6

Precinct: 5

Incident Report #: 240712815

Cruiser District: 52

Victim: Markeesha Waddell	Sex: F	Race: B	Age: 34
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Incident Summary: On 9/24/2024 at 12:54 am, Markeesha Waddell was operating a 2020 Ford Fusion northbound on Woodland Ave. approaching E. 17th Ave. Ms. Waddell failed to stop for a red traffic light at the intersection with E. 17th Ave. and attempted to turn left onto westbound E. 17th Ave. At the same time an adult was operating a 2005 Buick Century eastbound on E. 17th Ave. approaching Woodland Ave. The front of the Buick struck the driver's side of the Ford. The impact rotated the Ford clockwise in a northeast direction, it came to rest on the northeast corner of the intersection. The Buick rotated in a counter-clockwise direction, it came to rest in the westbound lane, east of the intersection, and facing westbound. Columbus Fire arrived at the crash scene and had to mechanically extract Ms. Waddell from the Ford. She was transported to Grant Medical Center in critical condition by CFD Medic #8. The adult front seat passenger from the Ford was transported to Grant in critical condition by CFD Medic #18. The adult driver of the Buick was transported to Grant in stable condition by CFD Medic #20.

At 1:43 am, Ms. Waddell was pronounced dead at Grant.

The crash was captured by the CPD Neighborhood Safety Camera located on the southeast corner of E. 17th Ave. and Woodland Ave.

The Columbus Police Accident Investigation Unit responded to the crash scene and initiated an investigation, which is still on-going.

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