



FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Dallas Baldwin

Patrol Bureau

NEWS RELEASE-UPDATE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Date: 12/24/19

Time: 10:00 AM

Type of Incident: Serious Injury Pedestrian Hit Skip Traffic Crash changed to a fatal crash
Date Occurred: 12/13/19 Time Occurred: 11:44 PM
Location of Incident: W. Broad Street (U.S.40) Eastbound at S. Murray Hill Rd, Prairie Township, Franklin County

Narrative of Incident: Sheriff Dallas Baldwin states the Franklin County Sheriff's Office is investigating a serious injury hit-skip traffic crash which occurred on December 13, 2019 at approximately 11:44 PM on W. Broad Street (U.S.40) at S. Murray Hill Road, located in Prairie Township. An unknown driver of a white SUV was driving eastbound on W. Broad Street and struck a pedestrian who was walking in the crosswalk. The white SUV continued driving eastbound on W. Broad Street without stopping. The pedestrian, transported to Grant Hospital in critical condition, was identified as Matthew J. White, age 34 of Columbus, Ohio.

The white SUV that fled the scene is likely to have damage on the front passenger side. If anyone has any information about this vehicle or the driver please contact the Franklin County Sheriff's Office radio room at 614-525-3333.

UPDATE:

On December 20, 2019 at approximately 5:03 PM the pedestrian Matthew J. White, age 34 of Columbus, Ohio was pronounced deceased at Grant Hospital. The vehicle from this hit skip crash has been located and there is a suspect that has been interviewed. This incident remains under investigation.