

Woman dies after truck crosses I-70 median

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A Columbus woman was killed Tuesday morning when a semi-truck driver fell asleep and crashed through a median on Interstate 70, west of Zanesville.

Scott M. Hendershot, 47, of St. Clairsville, was driving westbound on I-70, near mile marker 149, pulling a trailer loaded with a steel coil, according to the Zanesville Post of the State Highway Patrol. Hendershot fell asleep, the patrol said, and his semi-truck went through the median and into the eastbound lanes, where it overturned and ejected the steel coil he was hauling. The crash occurred just after 6 a.m.

The steel coil struck Raliat M. Ikharo, 27, of Columbus, who was driving westbound on I-70 in a silver Toyota Corolla. Ikharo was pronounced dead at the scene, the patrol said.

Hendershot had minor injuries and was released from the scene, according to the patrol. Both he and Ikharo had been wearing their seat belts.

The crash remains under investigation.

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