



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: September 7, 2018 \*\*UPDATE\*\*

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: Sept. 5, 2018

Time: 11:44 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1384 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Zone: 4

Precinct: 5

Incident Report #: 180751846

Cruiser District: 54

Victim: Paul Eli Rispress (wounded)

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 51

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Willie James McKnight (deceased)

Address: 1396 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 53

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

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**Incident Summary:** On September 5, 2018, at approximately 11:44 p.m., Columbus Police officers were called to the rear of 1384 E. 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive male lying outside the rear of the residence suffering from a fatal gunshot wound. Officers also located a second person outside the residence, later identified as Paul Rispress, suffering from a gunshot wound to the face. CFD Medic 18 responded to the scene, pronounced one person deceased at 11:55 p.m., and transported Mr. Rispress to Grant Medical Center where he is expected to survive his wounds. Investigation revealed that the deceased individual was in possession of a firearm and, at some point, confronted Mr. Rispress who also had access to a firearm. The two exchanged gunfire, the exact events of which are still under investigation, however both struck their intended targets.

**\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*:** Next of kin has been notified and information on all involved has been released.

The investigation continues.

This is the 74th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2018. Incident #180751846.

Detective Robert Powers is the lead detective, assisted by Detective Brian Wildman.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS.

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