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Columbus Division of Police

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Major Crimes Bureau / Felony Assault Unit

Thomas Quinlan, Chief of Police For further information, contact: Det. Steven Kaethow #2081 Phone: (614) 645 - 4141 Ext: 4740 Type of Offense/Incident: Felonious Assault/Shooting Date: 01/02/2020 Time: 11:37 a.m. Location of Offense/Incident: 5435 Lonsdale PI. N. Precinct: 14 Zone: 2 Incident Report #: 20003986 Cruiser District: 142 Victim: Leontae Maurice Brooks Sex: M Race: B Age: 18 Victim: Sex: Race: Age: Victim: Sex: Race: Age: Suspect: Address: Sex: M Arrested Warrant on File Race: B Age: Charges: Suspect: Address: Arrested Warrant on File Sex: Race: Age: Charges:

Incident Summary: On January 2, 2019 at approximately 11:37 p.m., officers were dispatched to 5435 Lonsdale Place North on report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers met with Maurice Brooks who was suffering from a gunshot wound to the back. Mr. Brooks informed them that he was in his backyard when he heard gunfire and then realized that he had been struck. Mr. Brooks was tranported to a local area hospital in stable condition. During the subsequent investigation, witnesses informed detectives that two (2) unknown male blacks individuals shot at each other over drugs and fled on foot. Witnesses stated that one of the individuals, known as the "weed man" from his constant illegal marijuana sales in the neighborhood, was involved in the incident. Mr. Brooks stated that he is known as the "weed man" to his neighbors, however, he stated he did not have a gun during the incident.

Anyone with information about this is asked to call the Columbus Police Assault Unit, Detective Steven Kaethow at 614-645-4740 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS (614-461-8477).

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