

# Media Information



**Columbus Division of Police**  
**Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit**

Date: 2/16/2020

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 2/16/2020

Time: 6:28PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 2234 Webster Canyon Ct.

Zone: 1

Precinct: 1

Incident Report #: 200128698

Cruiser District: 14

Victim: Sylvonte Christopher Watkins (Deceased)	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 20
Victim: James Tyree Dukes	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 21
Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:

Suspect:	Address:
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**Incident Summary:** On Sunday, February 16, 2020, at approximately 6:28 p.m., Columbus Police Officers were called to area of 2234 Webster Canyon Ct. on the report of gunfire. Upon arrival, Officers found an injured male, later identified as Sylvonte Christopher Watkins, lying in the parking lot suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. CFD Medic 806 responded to the scene and transported Mr. Watkins, to Riverside Methodist Hospital in critical condition. At 6:59 p.m. Mr. Watkins succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased by attending physicians.

Officers also located another victim at the scene, James Tyree Dukes. Mr. Dukes was transported in stable condition to OSU Main Hospital suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Initial investigation revealed that Mr. Watkins and Mr. Dukes were standing together when they both were shot.

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.

This is the 15th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2020. Incident #200128698. Detective Aaron Mall is the lead detective on the case being assisted by Det. Brian Sheline.

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