

# Media Information



Columbus Division of Police

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Major Crimes Bureau / Robbery Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Aggravated Robbery

Date: 03/14/20

Time: 9:15 a.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: Earnest Style Center / 1156  
Thurman Ave

Zone: 5

Precinct: 11

Incident Report #: 200202507

Cruiser District: 114

Victim: Earnest Gates

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 76

Victim: James W. Woodruff

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 75

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Unknown

Address:

☐ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 13-16

Charges: Aggravated Robbery

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

**Incident Summary:** On March 1, 2020 at approximately 9:15 a.m. suspect entered Earnest Style Center Barber Shop located at 1156 Thurman Ave armed with a black automatic handgun. Suspect approached owner/barber Mr. Gates and placed the gun into his side demanding money. Mr. Gates complied. Suspect then pointed the gun at customer James Woodruff and demanded his wallet and money. Mr. Woodruff complied. When the suspect chamber a live round into the gun, Mr. Woodruff took the opportunity and grabbed the gun, fearing the suspect was going to shoot them. The suspect, Mr. Gates and Mr. Woodruff fell to the ground fighting over the gun. After a brief struggle the suspect got up with the gun and fled the area.

Still photographs of the suspect are attached. Suspect in the photographs hangs out with another male at the corner store located at 1333 Lockbourne Rd.

The suspect was described as a light skin male black, 13-16 years old, short dreadlocks, 5'0", 115lbs., wearing a black hoody and black/white tennis shoes.

Anyone with information on this crime or the identity of the suspect(s) is asked to contact Columbus Police Robbery Unit at (614) 645-4665 or to remain anonymous, contact Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477).

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