

# Media Information



Columbus Division of Police  
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: September 16, 2020

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide - Shooting

Date: September 16, 2020 Time: 1:53AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 54 East Moler St.

Zone: 5

Precinct: 11

Incident Report #: 200700405

Cruiser District: 113

Victim: Charles Knapper	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 21
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Suspect: Robert Bowens JR	Address: 391 Oak Village Drive, Columbus, OH
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male    Race: White    Age: 23
Charges: Murder	
Suspect:	Address:
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**Incident Summary:** On September 16, 2020, at approximately 1:53AM, Patrol Officers responded to the area of E. Moler St. and City Park Ave. on a shooting. Upon arrival, they located the victim, Mr. Charles Knapper, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. The victim was unresponsive and was pronounced by CFD Medic #3 at 2:01AM. At this time, it is believed that the suspect and victim engaged in an exchange of gunfire, and the victim was struck, resulting in a fatal injury. The suspect, Mr. Robert Bowens Jr., was identified as the person responsible for the death of Mr. Knapper. A warrant for murder was filed for the arrest of Mr. Bowns Jr.

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 104th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2020. Incident #200700405. Detective Robert Powers is the lead Detective on the case being assisted by Det. Lowell Titus.

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