

Media Information



Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: Update: October 7, 2020

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide - Shooting

Date: October 5, 2020 Time: 12:09PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 3554 Alberta St.

Zone: 3

Precinct: 19

Incident Report #: 200752861

Cruiser District: 193

Victim: Maechell Hines

Sex: Female

Race: Black

Age: 37

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Mervin Leroy Hines III

Address: 4900 Kristi Falls, Columbus, Ohio

☒ Arrested

☒ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 37

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: UPDATE: On October 7, 2020, the victim of Homicide 2020-0121 has been positively identified as Maechell Hines F/B/37YOA.

UPDATE: On October 5, 2020, the suspect of this Homicide was identified as Mr. Mervin L. Hines III. A warrant for arrest was filed for Murder, for Mr. Hines. On October 6, 2020 at 1AM, Columbus Police SWAT officers located Mr. Hines at 1534 Felix Drive. While attempting to take Mr. Hines into custody, he took his own life, shooting himself. Mr. Hines was pronounced at 1:02AM by the CFD TEMS Unit.

On October 5, 2020, at approximately 12:09PM, patrol officers were dispatched to the area of 3579 Alberta St. on an unresponsive person in a vehicle in the parking lot. Upon arrival, the officers located the victim inside a vehicle suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. The victim was pronounced at scene by CFD E12 at 12:19PM. This incident is under investigation by the Columbus Police Homicide Unit, unknown motive at this time. The victim's identity is being withheld pending next of kin notification.

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 121st Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2020. Incident #200752861. Detective Delbert Chapman is the lead Detective on the case being assisted by Det. Powers.

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