

Media Information



Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 10/21/20

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 10/18/20

Time: 9:30AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 5743 Pine Tree St. W.

Zone: 1

Precinct: 18

Incident Report #: 200787445

Cruiser District: 181

Victim: Kimberly Thomas (Deceased)

Sex: Female

Race: Black

Age: 53

Victim:

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 54

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Romie Ziegler (Deceased)

Address: 5743 Pine Tree St. W.

☐ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 54

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary:

UPDATE – Next of kin have been notified. The male whose name was previously withheld was Romie Ziegler.

On Sunday, October 18, 2020, at 9:30AM, Columbus Police Officers were called to 5743 Pine Tree St. W. The officers were called by family members who were concerned because their mother, Kimberly Thomas, was not answering the phone or door. Westerville Medic 111 also responded to the scene. Upon entering the apartment officers and medics located Ms. Thomas and a male, both of whom were pronounced deceased at 10:17AM.

The preliminary investigation revealed that this incident was a murder suicide. The male shot and killed Ms. Thomas before taking his own life. The identity of the male is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). This is the 130th homicide investigation and the 129th homicide in Columbus Ohio in Calendar Year 2020. Incident #200787445. Detective Arnold is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Kelley.

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