

# Media Information



Columbus Division of Police

Date: February 1, 2021

Major Crimes Bureau / Felony Assault Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Felonious Assault

Date: 02/01/2021

Time: 12:15 a.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: Cleveland Ave &  
Westerville Rd

Zone: 4

Precinct: 2

Incident Report #: 210073922

Cruiser District: 21

Victim: Juvenile

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 16

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Diovante Benjamin

Address: 374 N. Monroe St

☒ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 24

Charges: Felonious Assault

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested ☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

**Incident Summary:** Victim was shot in the left calf while driving his vehicle in the area of Cleveland Ave. and Westerville Rd. Victim stated that the suspect was chasing him in a dark colored vehicle. Victim heard several shots, four of them striking his vehicle. He recognized the suspect from a dispute he had with him at work earlier in the evening. The two vehicles were at a high rate of speed and drove past a Columbus Police Officer. The police officer observed and heard gunshots coming from the suspect vehicle. With the police cruiser in pursuit, Suspect attempted to flee until eventually crashing. After a brief foot chase the suspect was apprehended by Columbus Police. The victim drove himself to OSU main hospital arriving in stable condition. Victim is expected to recover from his injury.

Anyone with any additional information on this incident is encouraged to call the Columbus Police Assault Unit at 614-645-4141 or Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS (8477).

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