Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Major Crimes Bureau / Felony Assault Unit

Date: April 22, 2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Shooting   Date: 4/22/2021   Time: 2:41pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 3058 Gladsmore Court   Zone: 2   Precinct: 20

Incident Report #: 210276949   Cruiser District: 204

Victim:	Sex: Female	Race: Black	Age: 16
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Suspect: Avonte M.T. Sanford   Address: 6908 Gemstar Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

☒ **Arrested**   ☐ **Warrant on File**   Sex: Male   Race: Black   Age: 20

Charges: Felonious Assault

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Charges:

Incident Summary: On April 22, 2021 at approximately 2:41 p.m., Columbus Police patrol officers responded to the area of 3053 Gladsmore Court on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located the juvenile victim suffering from a gunshot wound to her lower body. The victim was subsequently transported to a local area hospital in stable condition. It was later learned that the victim was walking home from the bus stop when she was struck by gunfire which was fired from a passing vehicle. Witnesses were able to provide a suspect vehicle description and approximately one hour later, patrol officers located that suspect vehicle and detained the individuals within. Avonte Sanford was one of those individuals and through the course of the investigation, was positively identified as the shooting suspect.

Anyone with further information regarding this incident is asked to call the Columbus Police Felony Assault Unit at 614-645-4141 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS (8477).

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