



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Major Crimes Bureau / Felony Assault Unit

Date: April 29, 2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Felony Assault / Shooting

Date: 4/29/2021

Time: 2:07 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: F/O 2832 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Zone: 5

Precinct: 7

Incident Report #: 210295335

Cruiser District: 74

Victim: Carmichael Coats

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 38

Victim: Kayle Thomas

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 38

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Aries E. Cotner

Address: 429 Barnett Road Apt. A

☐ Arrested

☒ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 25

Charges: 2 Counts of Felony Assault

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

**Incident Summary:** On April 29, 2021, at approximately 2:07 p.m., Columbus Police Patrol officers were dispatched to Columbus Fire Station #20 on a report of a shooting. Upon the officers' arrival, they spoke to the victims, Kayle Thomas and Carmichael Coats. The victims stated they were in a vehicle traveling west on E. 11th Avenue when the suspect, Aries Cotner, fired multiple gun shots at them. Mr. Thomas' left knee was grazed by a bullet. Mr. Coats was not injured. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Coats continued to Columbus Fire Station #20 for treatment. Mr. Thomas was treated at scene by Columbus Fire Medics.

A warrant was filed for the arrest of Mr. Cotner.

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

Copy To: ☒ Executive Staff

☒ Bureau Commander

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Assignment: FAU

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Assignment: Homicide