



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 7/13/21

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 7/12/21

Time: 7:38PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1815 Ridgebury Dr.

Zone: 3

Precinct: 15

Incident Report #: 210509693

Cruiser District: 152

Victim: Jayce O'Neal (Deceased)	Sex: Female	Race: Black	Age: 17
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Suspect: Marizah Thomas	Address: 1815 Ridgebury Dr. Hilliard, OH 43026			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Female	Race: White	Age: 16
Charges: Murder				
Suspect:	Address:			
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Incident Summary:
*****UPDATE: This morning Marizah Thomas was arrested and the Corolla she fled the scene in was recovered.*****

On Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:38PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to 1815 Ridgebury Dr. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found 17-year-old Jayce O'Neal suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Perry Township Medic 241 transported O'Neal to Doctor's West Hospital in critical condition, where she was pronounced deceased at 8:30PM.

Detectives determined that O'Neal and 16-year-old Marizah Thomas were fighting, when Thomas produced a handgun and shot O'Neal, fatally wounding her. Following the shooting, Thomas fled the scene in a green 2010 Toyota Corolla, Ohio registration JHG-9071.

Detectives have filed an arrest warrant charging Thomas with Murder for causing O'Neal's death. Anyone who knows Thomas' whereabouts, or the location of the Corolla Thomas fled in, is asked to contact police.

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 107th homicide in Columbus Ohio in Calendar Year 2021. Incident #210509693. Detective Egelhoff is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Lemmon.

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