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Columbus Division of Police

Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 7/21/2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide   **Date: 6/12/2021**   **Time: 10:43pm**

Location of Offense/Incident: 661 Kingsford Dr   **Zone: 3**   **Precinct: 10**

Incident Report #: 210422450   **Cruiser District: 102**

Victim: George Gregory Valdez	Sex: M	Race: H	Age: 22
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Suspect: Joshua D. Polk   **Address: 5524 Ranchwood De**

☒ Arrested   ☐ Warrant on File   **Sex: M**   **Race: B**   **Age: 26**

Charges: Murder

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Charges:

Incident Summary: ***UPDATE*** On July 19, 2021, the suspect from this case was arrested by a Columbus Police SWAT Unit. He is charged with the murder of George G. Valdez.

UPDATE The victim out of this case has been identified as George Gregory Valdez, DOB 6/7/1999

On June 12, 2021, at approximately 10:43pm, patrol officers were dispatched to the area of 668 Wedgewood Dr. on a report of gun shots. After a search of the area, a M/H victim was found unresponsive and suffering from gunshot injuries in front of 661 Kingsford Dr. The victim was transported by Franklin Township Medic 193 to Grant Hospital in critical life threatening condition where he later succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 11:19pm.

This incident is still under investigation and anyone with information is asked to contact Homicide Unit at 614-645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). This is the 89th homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2021. Incident #210422450. Detective Todd Chapman is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Amy Cole.

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