

Media Information

Columbus Division of Police Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Date: 7/27/21

Type of Offense/Incident: Suspicious death Date: 7/17/21 Time: 7:58PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 4600 block of Sawmill Rd.			:1	Precinct: 17	
Incident Report #:	Cruis	Cruiser District: 174			
Victim: Drew Mendelbaum (Deceased)		Sex: Male	Race: White	Age: 30	
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Suspect: Timothy Kendrick		Address: 284 E. Sandusky St. Mechanicsburg, OH 43044			
☐ Arrested	⊠ Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: White	Age: 33	
Charges: Murder					
Suspect:		Address:			
☐ Arrested		Sex:	Race:	Age:	
Charges:					

Incident Summary:

UPDATE: The decedent has been identified as 30-year-old Drew Mendelbaum. Mendelbaum was a reported missing person when his body was discovered. Detectives have filed a warrant charging 33year-old Timothy Kendrick with Murder for causing Mendelbaum's death. This was a particularly brutal murder and anyone who knows Kendrick's whereabouts is asked to contact police.

On Saturday, July 17, 2021, at 7:58PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to 4600 block of Sawmill Rd. on a report of deceased body. On arrival, officers found the body of a male. CFD Engine 11 also responded and pronounced the male deceased at 8:04PM.

At this time, the male's death is being treated as suspicious and is being investigated by homicide. The decedent's name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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 110th homicide in Columbus Ohio in Calendar Year 2021. Incident #210524172. Detective Kelley is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Westfall.

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