



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Major Crimes Bureau / Felony Assault Unit

Date: September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Felony Assault

Date: 9/5/21

Time: 5:11a.m.

Location of Offense/Incident: 3500 block Refugee Rd

Zone: 2

Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 210670321

Cruiser District: 94

Victim: Elijah Fennell

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 24

Victim: Preston Fisher

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 35

Victim: Benniesha Barnes-Mcclendon

Sex: Female

Race: Black

Age: 24

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

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**Incident Summary:** On September 5th, 2021 at 5:11 AM, there was party occurring in an after hours establishment in the 3500 block of Refugee Rd. An argument ensued which escalated into a gunfight. The three listed victims were struck by gunfire. The victims left the scene and called 911 from an alternate location. Victims #2 and #3 claim they were shot by an unknown assailant shooting from an unknown direction.

As patrol officers were approaching the establishment, several attendees ran inside and locked the door. The officers were able to convince the attendees to come out and speak with them.

This is the 1058<sup>th</sup>, 1059<sup>th</sup> and the 1060<sup>th</sup> Felony assault within the city for the 2021. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Columbus Police Felony Assault Detective Pruitt #2341 at 614-645-4141 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS(8477).

Copy To: ☒ Executive Staff

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Assignment: Robbery