



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 9/23/21

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 9/17/21

Time: 11:43PM

Location of Offense/Incident: E. Main St and S. Nelson Rd

Zone: 5

Precinct: 12

Incident Report #: 210704010

Cruiser District: 123

Victim: Travis Levi Knisley

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 23

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Xavier Wilks

Address: 13 Roys Avenue Columbus, OH 43204

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 29

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary:

****UPDATE**** Detectives identified Xavier Wilks as being involved in this homicide. An arrest warrant was issued on 9/21/2021 and he was arrested on 9/22/2021 at 10:17 PM. Xavier Wilks is being housed at the Franklin County Jail.

****UPDATE**** 9/17/2021 - 7:13 PM The victim has been identified as Travis Levi Knisley

On Thursday, September 16, 2021, at approximately 11:43 p.m., Officers were dispatched to the area of E. Main St and S. Nelson Rd on a report of a shooting. Officers arrived and found the victim lying in the street within the intersection of E. Main St and S. Nelson Rd suffering from gunshot injuries. Officers initiated CPR until CFD Medics arrived. Columbus Fire Medic 15 transported the victim to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased. This is the 153rd homicide in Columbus Ohio in Calendar Year 2021.***

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). Detective R. Shepherd is the lead detective on the case.

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