



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: Update: May 20, 2022

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Type of Offense/Incident: Shooting - Homicide

Date: May 14, 2022

Time: 11:45pm

Location of Offense/Incident: I - 71 NB / NO Morse Rd

Zone: 1

Precinct: 18

Incident Report #: 220338197

Cruiser District: 182

Victim: Anthony Curtis Luney

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 56

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Michael Thilat

Address: City of Columbus

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 29

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: ****The suspect in Homicide 2022-0046 has been identified as Michael Thilat M/W/29. The suspect, after providing a statement to investigators, has been arrested for Murder and transported to the Franklin County Jail.****

****Update: May 15, 2022: The victim of Homicide 2022-0046 has been identified as Mr. Anthony Curtis Luney M/B/56. Next of Kin notification as been completed.****

On May 14, 2022, Columbus Police Officers responded to the area of I-71 N/B N/O Morse Rd. on an unknown traffic incident. Upon arrival, Officers located an unresponsive driver, John Doe M/B, inside of his vehicle. CFD Medical Personnel arrived and pronounced the driver deceased at 11:59pm. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the victim was shot. At this time, Investigators are attempting to determine the circumstances surrounding this incident. The victim's name is being withheld at this time, pending next of kin notification.

This incident is still under investigation.

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 46th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2022. Incident #220338197. Detective Brandt is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Polisenio.

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