



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 9/13/2022

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 9/12/2022

Time: 8:48am

Location of Offense/Incident: 100 Block of Jefferson Ave

Zone: 5

Precinct: 16

Incident Report #: 220672518

Cruiser District: 161

Victim: Aaron M. Thorp

Sex: M

Race: W

Age: 4 mnths

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Melissa R. Thorp

Address: 100 Block of Jefferson Ave

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: F

Race: W

Age: 38

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On September 12, 2022, officers were dispatched to 100 Block of Jefferson Ave on the report of a baby not breathing. CFD EMS #10 arrived and pronounced the infant deceased at 8:57am. The Coroner's Investigator and Columbus Police Homicide Detectives responded to scene. During the initial investigation the Coroner's Investigator and Homicide Detectives were unable to determine the cause and manner of death of the infant. On September 13, 2022, the Coroner ruled this incident a homicide cause by blunt force trauma. Detectives filed charges and arrested suspect #1 for causing death of victim #1.

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 96th Homicide Investigation in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2022. Incident #220672518. Detective Camp-Donavan is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Titus.

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