Media Information

Columbus Division of Police **Date: Update: 1/5/2023**

Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Elaine R. Bryant, Chief of Police

For further information, contact: Det. H. Conley **Phone: (614) 645 - 4730**

Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Shooting-Homicide **Date: 12/3/2022** **Time: 9:09PM**

Location of Offense/Incident: 7500 Block of Stone Lake Drive **Zone: 1** **Precinct: 17**

Incident Report #: 220883608 **Cruiser District: 170**

Victim: Thomas Hritzo III	**Sex: Male**	**Race: White**	**Age: 18**
Victim:	**Sex:**	**Race:**	**Age:**
Victim:	**Sex:**	**Race:**	**Age:**

Suspect: Kasey Russell **Address:**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File** **Sex: M** **Race: W** **Age: 17**

Charges: Murder/Agg Robbery

Suspect: Marquel King **Address:**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File** **Sex: M** **Race: B** **Age: 14**

Charges: Murder/Agg Robbery

Incident Summary: ***Update - January 5, 2023: All suspects out of this Homicide have been arrested and/or turned themselves in to Law Enforcement. All suspects from this incident are now in custody.*

Update: December 29, 2022, detectives have identified four suspects out of this incident and have filed Murder and Aggravated Robbery warrants for their arrest. Suspect #3 is Hunter Krouse M/B 15, Suspect #4 is Brent Boggs M/W 14.

***Update Dec. 4, 2022: The victim, Thomas Hritzo III, succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 2:07pm. Next of Kin notification was completed.

On December 3, 2022, at 9:09PM, Patrol Officers responded to an injury accident in the area of Sawmill Rd. and Stone Lake Drive. Upon arrival, Officers located the victim, who was unresponsive inside of his vehicle. Columbus Fire Medics transported the victim to a local area Hospital in critical condition. Medical Staff were able to determine that the victim was suffering from a gunshot wound, and would likely not survive his injuries. Homicide investigators are still attempting to identify the victim and determine the circumstances surrounding this incident. The victim's identity will be released upon confirming his identity and completing the next of kin notification.

This incident remains under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Conley is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Journey.**

Copy To: ☒ **Executive Staff** ☒ **Bureau Commander** ☒ **Public Information Office**

Prepared By: Sgt. D. Shimberg #5260 **Assignment: Homicide** **Telephone: (614) 645 - 4730**

Approved By: Sgt. D. Shimberg #5260 **Assignment: Homicide**