

Media Information

Columbus Division of Police Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Date: 6/1/2023

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide Date: 5/31/2023 Time: 8:20PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1900 block of Lockbourne Rd. Zone: 5 Precinct: 12

Incident Report #: 230409183 Victim: Adrian Smith (Deceased)		Cruiser District: 124			
		Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 39	
Victim: J.E		Sex: Male	Race: White	Age: 31	
Victim:		Sex:	Race:	Age:	
Suspect:		Address:			
☐ Arrested	☐ Warrant on File	Sex:	Race:	Age:	
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Incident Summary:

On Wednesday, May 31, 2021, at 8:20PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 1900 block of Lockbourne Rd. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found 39-year-old Adrian Smith suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. A couple of minutes later, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 1500 block of Linwood Ave. also on a report of a shooting. At that location, officers found 31-year-old J.E. who was suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

CFD Medic 14 responded to the Lockbourne Rd. location and at 8:26PM pronounced Adrian Smith deceased at scene. CFD Medic 15 responded to the Linwood Ave. location and transported J.E. to a local hospital in stable condition.

Smith was standing in the parking lot of a business in the 1900 block of Lockbourne Rd. At the same time, J.E. was also in the same parking lot. J.E. was patronizing the business and was operating a vehicle when the incident occurred. While they were driving past the business, several occupants of a vehicle began shooting at Smith. J.E. was in the line of fire and was also struck during the incident. J.E. drove himself from the scene before calling for help.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Johnson at (614) 955-0020 or AJohnson@ColumbusPolice.org or to call Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Johnson is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Huffman.

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