



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 06/02/23

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 06/01/23

Time: 10:15 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1700 Block of Morse Rd

Zone: 1

Precinct: 18

Incident Report #: 230412830

Cruiser District: 182

Victim: J.M.

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 36

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Juan M. J. Cuarenta

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Hisp.

Age: 19

Charges: Deceased

Suspect: UNKNOWN

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Hisp.

Age: 18-25

Charges:

Incident Summary:

On June 1, 2023, at 10:15 PM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to the 1700 block of Morse Rd. on a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, identified as J.M., in the parking lot of this business. J.M. reported to officers that he had just been robbed at gunpoint by two suspects, one of whom has been identified as JUAN M. J. CUARENTA, M/H/19. CUARENTA was found by officers suffering from a gunshot wound after being shot by an armed security officer just after the robbery occurred. The officers rendered medical aid to CUARENTA prior to the arrival of medics. CUARENTA was transported by Columbus Fire medics in critical condition to a local hospital and was pronounced deceased at 11:12 PM.

The second suspect fled the scene on foot and remains unidentified. This incident remains under investigation. Next of kin notification has been made.

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 Journey is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Kirby (Incident #230412830).

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