



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 7/10/2023

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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

Cruiser District: 124

Victim: Adrian Smith (Deceased)	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 39
Victim: J.E	Sex: Male	Race: White	Age: 31
Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:

Suspect: James Dukes-Johnson	Address: 3124 Retriever Rd. Col., OH 43232
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male Race: Black Age: 27
Charges: Murder and Felonious Assault	
Suspect: Mareese Davis	Address: 3089 Hatfield Ct. Col., OH 43232
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male Race: Black Age: 19
Charges: Murder and Felonious Assault	

Incident Summary:
*****UPDATE:** Detectives have charged 27-year-old James Dukes-Johnson and 19-year-old Mareese Davis with Murder and Felonious Assault for causing Smith's death and shooting E.J. Both men are currently incarcerated at the Franklin County Jail.

Detectives have also filed warrants charging 21-year-old Michael Davis Jr. with Murder and Felonious Assault. Michael Davis Jr. is not in custody and anyone who knows his whereabouts is asked to contact police. ***

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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