



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Team 4 Unit

Date: UPDATE 7/14/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 07/12/2023

Time: 1:52pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 1400 Block of S. Hamilton Rd

Zone: 2

Precinct: 14

Incident Report #: 230537007

Cruiser District: 140

Victim: Vijayakumar Nair (Deceased)	Sex: Male	Race: Other	Age: 55
Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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Suspect: Rico Hickson	Address:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M	Race: B	Age: 43
Charges: Murder				
Suspect:	Address:			
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Charges:				

**Incident Summary: \*\*\*UPDATE 7-14-2023\*\*\*** On July 13, 2023, Mr. Rico Hickson was arrested and charged with one count of Burglary after a brief stand off with Columbus Police SWAT as they attempted to serve a search warrant. On July 14, 2023, Mr. Hickson was charged with Murder in regards to this incident.

On July 12, 2023 at 1:52pm, Patrol officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of S. Hamilton Road on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers found the victim suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim was subsequently transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 2:27pm. An unknown M/B was observed fleeing the scene immediately after the gunshots.

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). Detective Lemmon is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Egelhoff.

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