Media Information

Columbus Division of Police **Date: 9/30/2026**
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide **Date: 9/29/2026** **Time: 7:40 p.m.**

Location of Offense/Incident: 100 block of N. Burgess Ave. **Zone: 3** **Precinct: 19**

Incident Report #: 260735057 **Cruiser District: 9191**

Victim: Ryan Ward (Deceased)	**Sex: Male**	**Race: White**	**Age: 27**
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Suspect: David Estrada **Address: 59 N. Burgess Ave. Columbus, OH 43204**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File**

Sex: Male
Race: Hispanic
Age: 22

Charges: Murder

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Incident Summary:
On September 29, 2026, at approximately 7:40 p.m., Columbus police officers were dispatched to the 100 block of North Burgess Avenue. Officers located Ryan Ward, 27, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

Columbus Fire Medic 817 transported Ward to Grant Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased at 8:16 p.m.

Investigators identified David Estrada, 22, as the suspect in the shooting. Estrada had left the scene in a silver Honda, which patrol officers subsequently located. A pursuit followed, and the vehicle crashed on U.S. Route 33 eastbound near Sugar Grove. Estrada was taken into custody a short distance from the crash site with assistance from the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

Estrada has been charged with murder in connection with Ward's death and is currently being held at the Franklin County Jail.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective VanFossan at 614-645-4080 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS (8477). Detective VanFossan is being assisted by Detective Westfall.

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