Media Information

Columbus Division of Police **Date: October 23, 2026**
Homicide Bureau / Team 4 Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide **Date: 10/21/2026** **Time: 11:00pm**

Location of Offense/Incident: 1400 block of E. Fulton Street **Zone: 2** **Precinct: 12**

Incident Report #: 260794869 **Cruiser District: 120**

Victim: Amy Jo Ballard (deceased)	**Sex: F**	**Race: W**	**Age: 45**
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Suspect: **Address:**

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Incident Summary: On the listed date and time, CPD Patrol officers responded to an unknown complaint at the listed location. Upon arrival, officers were informed by medics that the victim was pronounced deceased. She was suffering from major trauma to the body. Homicide detectives were notified and began the investigation. A subsequent autopsy by the Franklin County Coroner's office determined her death is a homicide. NOK has been notified. The motive behind this violent crime is unknown at this time.

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 Niederkohr is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Deerwester.

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