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Columbus Division of Police **Date: 03/05/25**

Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide **Date: 02/18/25** **Time: 12:51 PM**

Location of Offense/Incident: 1900 block of E. Main St. **Zone: 5** **Precinct: 12**

Incident Report #: 250075163 **Cruiser District: 121**

Victim: Tommy McClendon	**Sex: Male**	**Race: Black**	**Age: 70**
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Suspect: Dustin M. Thompson **Address:**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File** **Sex: Male** **Race: White** **Age: 36**

Charges: Murder

Suspect: **Address:**

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Charges:

Incident Summary:

On February 1, 2025, at 7:05 PM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to the 1900 block of E. Main St. on a fight complaint. Upon arrival, the officers located the victim, TOMMY McCLENDON, age 70, unresponsive and suffering from visible injuries. Columbus Fire medics transported the victim to a local hospital in stable condition; however, his condition deteriorated after arriving there. The suspect, DUSTIN THOMPSON, age 36, was charged with Felonious Assault and slated into the Franklin County Jail.

On February 18, 2025, at 12:51 PM, McClendon was pronounced deceased. On March 5, 2025, Thompson was indicted for Murder for causing McClendon's death. Although Thompson made a self-defense claim to detectives, the exact motive remains undetermined. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Pribe at (614) 645-0114, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Pribe is the lead detective and is being assisted by Felony Assault Unit Detective Rees.

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