Media Information

Columbus Division of Police **Date: 5/21/2025**

Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 2 Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide **Date: 5/4/2025** **Time: 3:58 AM**

Location of Offense/Incident: 900 Block of E. Lincoln Avenue **Zone: 1** **Precinct: 18**

Incident Report #: 250307667 **Cruiser District: 180**

Victim: Ariyaun M. Burton	**Sex: Male**	**Race: Black**	**Age: 17**
Victim: Adult	**Sex:**	**Race:**	**Age:**
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Suspect: Westin Marlow Taylor **Address:**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File** **Sex: Male** **Race: Black** **Age: 17**

Charges: Murder, Felonious Assault

Suspect: Lakai Jones **Address:**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File** **Sex: Female** **Race: Black** **Age: 17**

Charges: Murder, Felonious Assault

Incident Summary: UPDATE 5/21/2025: Based on information gained during the investigation of this homicide, warrants were filed for Murder and Felonious Assault against Westin M. Taylor and Lakai Jones, both 17 YOA. Jones was arrested without incident by officers of the Trotwood, Ohio, Police Department. Taylor was arrested locally without incident by Columbus Police SWAT personnel.

On May 4, 2025, at approximately 3:58 AM, Columbus Police Patrol officers were dispatched to the 900 block of E. Dublin-Granville Road on a report of a shooting victim at that location. Upon arrival, officers found Ariyaun Burton and another male suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Officers rendered aid until CFD Medic 6 and Medic 24 personnel arrived and transported both victims to a local hospital. It was determined that the shooting had taken place in the 900 block of E. Lincoln Avenue.

Despite all efforts, Ariyaun Burton was pronounced deceased at 4:38 AM. Next of kin have been notified. The other victim is expected to survive his injuries.

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 Miller is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Weiner.

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