Media Information

Columbus Division of Police **Date: 11/7/2025**

Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 5 Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide **Date: 10/29/2025** **Time: 5:11pm**

Location of Offense/Incident: 900 Block of E. 20th Ave. **Zone: 6** **Precinct: 5**

Incident Report #: 250799862 **Cruiser District: 53**

Victim: Haynes, Charles E.	**Sex: M**	**Race: B**	**Age: 62**
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Suspect: Townsend, Sasha I. **Address:**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File** **Sex: F** **Race: B** **Age: 35**

Charges: Murder and Felonious Assault

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☐ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File** **Sex:** **Race:** **Age:**

Charges:

Incident Summary: ***Update: On November 6, 2025, the victim, Charles Haynes, succumbed to his injury and was pronounced deceased at 9:04pm, additional charges are pending. Next of kin notification has been made.*

On October 29, 2025, patrol officers were dispatched to the 900 block of E 20th Ave on an unknown type of complaint. When officers arrived at the scene, they found an unresponsive individual suffering from a stab wound. The individual was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. Due to the seriousness of the victim's injury, the Homicide Unit is investigating the incident. During the course of the investigation, detectives gathered information and charged Sasha I. Townsend with felonious assault.

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 O'Connor is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Soviak.

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