Media Information

Columbus Division of Police **Date: 10/31/2025**

Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 2 Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide **Date: 9/21/2025** **Time: 2:43 AM**

Location of Offense/Incident: 1100 Block of North High Street **Zone: 4** **Precinct: 4**

Incident Report #: 250695415 **Cruiser District: 41**

Victim: J'Vontia Cassell	**Sex: Male**	**Race: Black**	**Age: 25**
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Suspect: Deswquan Woods-Fafahana **Address:**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File** **Sex: Male** **Race: Black** **Age: 19**

Charges: Murder

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Charges:

Incident Summary: ***UPDATE 10/31/2025* On October 27, 2025, based on information gained during the investigation of this homicide, a Murder warrant was filed for Deswquan Woods-Fafahana. On October 31, 2025, Woods Fafahana was arrested without incident by Columbus Police SWAT personnel.**

*****UPDATE 9/22/2025*** The Columbus Division of Police Homicide Unit is asking that anyone who may have video, photographs, or other digital evidence related to this incident use the attached QR code to upload that evidence to assist with the investigation. The submission may remain anonymous, and no account is required.**

On September 21, 2025, at approximately 2:43 AM, Columbus Police Patrol officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of North High Street on report of a disturbance. As officers arrived at scene they heard gunshots, and located Mr. J'Vontia Cassell suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Mr. Cassell was transported to a local hospital by personnel from CFD Medic 7. Despite all efforts by medical personnel, Mr. Cassell was pronounced deceased at 5:01 AM by hospital staff. Next of kin have been notified.

A second individual was treated at scene for an unrelated medical condition.

A large crowd of people were present at scene when the incident took place. Detectives are asking anyone who witnessed the incident and/or who may have video to please contact investigators.

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

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