# Media Information

**Columbus Division of Police** **Date: 8/3/2026**
**Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit**

Elaine R. Bryant, Chief of Police
**For further information, contact: PIO** **Phone: (614) 645 - 4100**
**Ext:**

**Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide** **Date: 7/28/2026** **Time: 2:09 AM**

**Location of Offense/Incident: 2700 blk of Brandy Dr.** **Zone: 2** **Precinct: 20**

**Incident Report #: 260554730** **Cruiser District: 202**

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| **Victim: Demonty G. Carter (deceased)** | **Sex: M** | **Race: B** | **Age: 22** |
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**Suspect: Darren Darnell Cunningham Jr.** **Address:**

☒ **Arrested** ☐ **Warrant on File**

**Sex: M**
**Race: B**
**Age: 23**

**Charges: Murder**

**Suspect:** **Address:**

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**Charges:**

**Incident Summary: *** Updated 8/3/2026: The individual identified as Darren Cunningham voluntarily surrendered at 6:00 PM to Police Headquarters, accompanied by his legal counsel. Mr. Cunningham is scheduled to be processed regarding his murder warrant at the Franklin County Jail.*****

**On July 28, 2026, at 2:09 a.m., Columbus Division of Police patrol officers responded to the 2700 block of Brandy Dr. on a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive adult victim, identified as Demonty Germain Carter, aged 22, suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to a local area hospital by Madison Township M183, and was pronounced deceased on July 28, 2026, at 2:54 a.m.**

**Notification of next of kin has been completed. The initial investigation has identified the suspect as 23-year-old Darren D. Cunningham Jr., for whom a warrant has been issued. Currently, Mr. Cunningham has not been apprehended. The evidence suggests that the motive behind this shooting is related to domestic issues. Columbus Homicide urges the community to contact 911 immediately if they have any information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Cunningham.**

**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 Brandt is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Rowlands.**

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