



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 04/30/25

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 04/29/25

Time: 2:44 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1100 block of S. Champion Av.

Zone: 5

Precinct: 12

Incident Report #: 250294038

Cruiser District: 122

Victim: Kewhyon E. Hartwell

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 19

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Carlos Bolton-Sepulveda

Address:

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 15

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary:

*** UPDATE: The victim has been identified as KEWHYON HARTWELL, age 19, and next of kin notification has been made. Detectives have charged CARLOS BOLTON-SEPULVEDA, age 15, with Murder. Bolton-Sepulveda was placed into the Franklin County JIC. The preliminary investigation revealed robbery as the motive. ***

On April 29, 2025, at 2:44 AM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of S. Champion Av. on a reported shooting. Upon arrival, the officers located one victim unresponsive and suffering from a gunshot wound. Columbus Fire medics arrived and transported the victim to a local hospital, where the victim was pronounced deceased at 3:08 AM.

The victim has been tentatively identified; however, next of kin notification has not been made. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Jude at (614) 645-4503, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Jude is the lead detective and is being assisted by Detective Egelhoff.

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