



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 12/23/25

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Negligent Homicide

Date: 12/22/25

Time: 8:38 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1500 block of E. Long St.

Zone: 6

Precinct: 7

Incident Report #: 250936094

Cruiser District: 72

Victim: Va'Nyiah Mason

Sex: Female

Race: Black

Age: 2

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

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## Incident Summary:

On December 5, 2025, at 8:38 PM, Columbus Police officers responded to the 1500 block of E. Long St. on a reported shooting. Upon arrival, the officers located the victim, identified as VA'NYIAH MASON, age 2, suffering from a gunshot wound. Columbus Fire medics arrived and transported the victim to a local area hospital, where the victim was pronounced deceased at 9:13 PM. Next of kin notification has been made.

The preliminary investigation determined this was a non-intentional shooting between persons inside the residence and detectives are investigating how the firearm involved was accessed. No charges have been filed. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Kindler at (614) 645-3750, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Kindler is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Yoder.

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