



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 7/10/25

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 7/9/25

Time: 6:10 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1400 block of Polaris Pkwy.

Zone: 1

Precinct: 1

Incident Report #: 250491760

Cruiser District: 10

Victim: Joseph D. Suiter

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 26

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Elijah Roberts

Address:

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 19

Charges: Aggravated Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

## Incident Summary:

On July 9, 2025, at 6:10 p.m. Columbus Police officers responded to the 1400 block of Polaris Pkwy. on a reported shooting. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, identified as JOSEPH SUITER, age 26, who was unresponsive and had suffered a gunshot wound. Columbus Fire medics responded to the scene and the victim was pronounced deceased at 6:19 p.m. Next of kin notification has been made.

The preliminary investigation revealed a drug transaction as a possible motive. Witnesses at the scene identified the suspect, ELIJAH ROBERTS, age 19, as the person who shot the victim. After detectives obtained an arrest warrant, Roberts was arrested by Columbus SWAT officers at a nearby residence. Because the homicide occurred in Delaware County, Roberts was slated into the Delaware County Jail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Vogel at (614) 645-4217, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Vogel is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Polisenio.

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