



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 5/1/2025

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 5/1/2025

Time: 12:20AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 3000 block of Esquire Dr.

Zone: 2

Precinct: 20

Incident Report #: 250299339

Cruiser District: 203

Victim: Aiden David (Deceased)

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 19

Victim: Giannh Viars (Deceased)

Sex: Female

Race: White

Age: 21

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Michael Hughes (Deceased)

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 23

Charges: Deceased

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

## Incident Summary:

On Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 12:20AM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 3000 block of Esquire Dr. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found three adults all suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. CFD Medic 32 responded and pronounced all three adults deceased. The decedents have been identified as Aiden David, 19, Giannh Viars, 21, and Michael Hughes, 23.

According to relatives, Viars and Hughes were married, but had separated. Meanwhile, Viars and David had begun dating. Viars and David were inside Viars' apartment when Hughes arrived and fired a shot into the apartment, forced entry, and murdered David inside the apartment. Viars attempted to flee, but was shot by Hughes, and collapsed just outside the front door. According to witnesses, Hughes then came out of the apartment and shot Viars again, killing her, before shooting himself.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Westfall at (614) 645-4221 or EWestfall@ColumbusPolice.org or to call Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Westfall is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Polgar.

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