



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 5/9/2025

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 5/8/2025

Time: 8:23PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 4000 block of Carlton Ave.

Zone: 2

Precinct: 14

Incident Report #: 250319975

Cruiser District: 143

Victim: Terrance Spellman (Deceased)

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 18

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Donnie Pernell Walls Jr.

Address: 4114 E. Livingston Ave. Columbus

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 18

Charges: Reckless Homicide

Suspect:

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Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary:

On Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 8:23PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 4000 block of Carlton Ave. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found Terrance Spellman, 18, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. CFD Medic 823 transported Spellman to Mount Carmel East in critical condition, where he was pronounced deceased at 8:53PM. Next of kin have been notified.

According to statements given to detectives Spellman, another adult, and Donnie Walls Jr., 18, were all in the front room of 4036 Carlton Ave. #B. All three were friends and were in possession of several firearms. Walls was recklessly handling one of the firearms which he unintentionally discharged. When the weapon Walls was handling discharged the projectile struck Spellman fatally wounding him.

After Spellman had been shot, Walls and the other unnamed adult carried Spellman outside and left Spellman's body in a nearby parking lot. The two then returned to the apartment, called 911 and provided false statements to the 911 operator as to what occurred. Detectives have charged Walls with Reckless Homicide for causing Spellman's death. Walls is currently incarcerated in the Franklin County Jail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Polgar at (614) 645-4196 or SPolgar@ColumbusPolice.org or to call Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Polgar is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Lemmon.

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