



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 2 Unit

Date: 5/6/2025

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 4/13/2025

Time: 3:25 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 4000 Block of Migration Lane

Zone: 1

Precinct: 6

Incident Report #: 250251590

Cruiser District: 62

Victim: Eva Bretz

Sex: Female

Race: White

Age: 6

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Ashley Fagan

Address:

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Female

Race: White

Age: 32

Charges: Murder, Endangering Children

Suspect: Blake Hutchinson

Address:

☐ Arrested

☒ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: White

Age: 24

Charges: Murder, Endangering Children

Incident Summary: On April 13, 2025, at approximately 3:25AM, Columbus Police Patrol Officers responded to the 4000 block of Migration Lane on a report of an unresponsive child. Upon arrival they located the victim, Eva Bretz, and immediately began CPR. The victim was transported to a local hospital by Clinton Township Medic 61 personnel in critical condition with significant internal and external injuries. Despite all efforts by everyone involved, the victim was pronounced deceased at 10:14 AM on April 13, 2025. Next of kin have been notified.

Eva Bretz's death was determined to be a homicide and based on the resulting investigation, warrants were filed against Ashley Fagan (Bretz's mother) and Blake Hutchinson, Fagan's current boyfriend, for Endangering Children-Child Abuse and Murder.

On May 5, 2025, Ashley Fagan was arrested without incident on her warrants. On May 6, 2025, Blake Hutchinson took his own life when approached by Knox county SWAT personnel when he attempted to leave the residence where he had been staying. Knox County SWAT had been surveilling the residence based on information obtained during the investigation.

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

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