



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 11/14/2025

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Death Investigation (DOA)

Date: 6/21/2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 90 block of S. James Rd.

Zone: 2

Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 250440174

Cruiser District: 90

Victim: William Dickerson	Sex: Male	Race: White	Age: 51
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Suspect: SEE INCIDENT SUMMARY	Address:		
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Incident Summary:
 On June 21, 2025, at 4:30 PM, Columbus Police officers responded to a local hospital after an unresponsive victim was transported by Columbus Fire medics from a long-term care facility located in the 90 block of S. James Rd. The victim, identified as WILLIAM DICKERSON, age 51, was pronounced deceased on that date. Next of kin notification has been made.

Detectives responded to conduct a death investigation and learned Dickerson was a patient at the facility. Although the Franklin County Coroner determined the manner of death was accidental, detectives further investigated based upon the circumstances causing this death and those responsible to care for Dickerson. Detectives established a duty to care for Dickerson was neglected.

A Franklin County Grand Jury indicted BONFACE OKOTH, ABOUBACAR DIANE, and MARIAMA KABBA on charges of Involuntary Manslaughter, Patient Endangerment, Gross Patient Neglect, and other misdemeanor offenses. Arrest warrants have been issued for all those indicted.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Detective Journey at (614) 645-4953, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Journey is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Vogel.

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