



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 9/18/25

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 7/18/25

Time: 5:52 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 300 block of S. Guilford Av.

Zone: 3

Precinct: 8

Incident Report #: 250515956

Cruiser District: 83

Victim: Ra'Quwan Kilgore

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 29

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Courtney Grisby

Address:

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Female

Race: Black

Age: 41

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary:

*** UPDATE: This investigation was presented to a Franklin County Grand Jury resulting in an indictment against COURTNEY GRISBY, age 41, for Murder. The investigation confirmed domestic violence as the motive. On September 17, 2025, Grisby was arrested without incident by Columbus Police and slated into the Franklin County Jail. ***

On July 18, 2025, at 5:52 AM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to the 300 block of S. Guilford Av. on a reported shooting. Upon arrival, the officers located one victim, identified as RA'QUWAN KILGORE, age 29, suffering from a gunshot wound. Columbus Fire medics transported Kilgore to a local hospital, where, despite life-saving medical care, he was pronounced deceased at 5:03 PM. Next of kin notification has been made.

An adult female identified herself at the scene as the person who shot Kilgore. The adult female, whose identity is being withheld at this time, claimed self-defense after being threatened by Kilgore. The preliminary investigation revealed domestic violence as a possible motive. The investigation continues and the adult female is cooperating with detectives.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Yoder at (614) 645-2040, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Yoder is the lead detective and is being assisted by Detective Egelhoff.

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