



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 4/3/26

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide/Felonious Assault Date: 4/3/26 Time: 4:06 AM
Location of Offense/Incident: 1400 block of Oakland Park Av. Zone: 6 Precinct: 2
Incident Report #: 260229268 Cruiser District: 21

Victim: Thomas E. Coates, Jr.	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 39
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Incident Summary:
On April 3, 2026, at 4:06 AM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of Oakland Park Av. on a reported shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive adult victim suffering from a gunshot wound. Columbus Fire medics transported the victim to a local hospital, where the victim was pronounced deceased at 4:53 AM. The victim has been identified as THOMAS E. COATES, JR., age 39, and next of kin notification has been made.

A second adult victim arrived at a local hospital seeking treatment for a gunshot wound. Detectives determined this victim was also shot during the same incident, and are investigating to determine what motivated the shooting. This victim is expected to survive their injuries. At this time, there is no indication a suspect fled the scene. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Pribe at (614) 645-0114, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Pribe is the lead detective and is being assisted by Detective Yoder.

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