



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: January 23, 2026

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 01/22/2026

Time: 10:50 pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 4600 block of Tamarack Blvd.

Zone: 1

Precinct: 18

Incident Report #: 260051683

Cruiser District: 181

Victim: Jon E. Small (deceased)

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 32

Victim: Adult Victim #2

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Kenneth Milton

Address:

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 44

Charges: Murder, Felonious Assault

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On January 22, 2026, at 11:02 PM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to a local area hospital for a walk-in shooting. Upon arrival, the officers located two victims; JON E. SMALL, age 32, suffering from a gunshot wound, and another adult victim. Mr. Small was later pronounced deceased on January 23, 2026, at 12:33 AM. Next of kin notification has been made. The unnamed adult victim was uninjured during the incident.

Homicide Unit detectives conducted an investigation and determined the victims were in the 4600 block of Tamarack Blvd., when they were attacked by the suspect, identified as KENNETH MILTON, age 44. The preliminary investigation revealed these individuals were acquainted and a verbal dispute occurred in a parking lot prior to the shooting. Mr. Milton fled the scene before police arrived and an arrest warrant was filed charging him with one count each of Murder and Felonious Assault. Within hours, Columbus Police SWAT officers executed the warrant and Mr. Milton was arrested without incident before being slated at the Franklin County Jail.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Rowlands at (614) 645-4192, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Rowlands is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Poliseno.

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