



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 5 Unit

Date: 7/9/2026

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 7/8/2026

Time: 9:44pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 1400 Block of Carolyn Ave

Zone: 6

Precinct: 2

Incident Report #: 260499870

Cruiser District: 20

Victim: Xavier N.A. Gibbs

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 28

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Unknown

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: On July 8, 2026, at approximately 9:44pm, patrol officers were dispatched to the 1400 block of Carolyn Ave on the report of shots fired. While enroute, radio advised the officers of an automobile accident in the same area as the shots fired. Once officers arrived at the scene, they found the auto accident and an individual who was unresponsive. Officers secured the scene and began to render aid to the injured party until Columbus Fire Medic #16 arrived and took over care. The victim was transported to a local hospital, and despite receiving life-saving medical treatment, the victim succumbed to their injury and was pronounced deceased at 10:35pm.

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 D. Kirk is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective M.T. Smith.

A QR Code is attached; detectives are asking for their community partners' assistance to locate any video of suspicious activity within the area of the attached map between the hours of 9:15pm and 10:00pm.

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