



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 5 Unit

Date: 7/3/2026

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 6/27/2026

Time: 12:18am

Location of Offense/Incident: 4000 Block of E. Livingston Ave. Zone: 2

Precinct: 14

Incident Report #: 260464836

Cruiser District: 142

Victim: Richard M Kifutu

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 51

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Anthony Grose

Address:

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 29

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: *Update: On June 30, 2026, the victim, Richard M. Kifutu, was pronounced deceased at approximately 5:02pm, next of kin notification has been made. The suspect, Anthony M. Groce, will be charged with the murder of Mr. Kifutu.*****

On June 27, 2026, at approximately 12:18am, patrol officers were dispatched to the 4000 block of E. Livingston Ave. on an unknown type of complaint. Officers arrived at the scene and found victim #1 unresponsive. Officers provided aid to the victim until CFD Medic #823 arrived and took over care. Victim #1 was transported to a local hospital, where he is listed in critical condition. Due to the seriousness of his injuries, the Columbus Police Homicide Unit is the lead on this investigation.

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 M.T. Smith is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective P. Stevens.

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