



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 7/27/2026

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 7/23/2026

Time: 9:55PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1000 block of S. James Rd

Zone: 2

Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 260542919

Cruiser District: 91

Victim: Delon Byrd (Deceased)

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 18

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Davon Israel

Address: 1409 E. Deshler Ave. Columbus Ohio

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 19

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary:

***UPDATE: On Saturday, July 24, 2026, Davon Israel turned himself in at the James A Karnes Correctional Center.

The investigation into Delon Byrd's death is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Johnson at (614) 645-4488 or AJohnson@ColumbusPolice.org or to call Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Johnson is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Polgar.***

On Friday, July 23, 2026, at 9:55PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 1000 block of S. James Rd. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found Delon Byrd, 18, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. CFD Medic 21 responded and pronounced Byrd deceased at 10:05PM.

Witnesses identified Davon Israel, 19, as the individual responsible for the fatal shooting of Byrd.

Detectives have filed one count of Murder against Israel. He remains at large, and investigators are asking for the public's assistance in locating him. A photograph of Israel is attached.

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