



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 6/28/26

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 5/25/26

Time: 2:03 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 400 block of S. 22nd St.

Zone: 5

Precinct: 12

Incident Report #: 260370833

Cruiser District: 9120

Victim: Rashod S. Leonard

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 21

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Rawmarial Lawrence

Address:

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 20

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary:

*** UPDATE 06.28.26: On May 27, 2026, an arrest warrant was obtained for RAWMARIAL LAWRENCE, age 20, charging him the Murder of Rashod Leonard. On June 24, 2026, Lawrence was arrested by a U.S. Marshals Task Force in Fredericksburg, VA. Today, Lawrence was returned to Ohio and slated at the Franklin County Jail. ***

On May 25, 2026, at 2:03 AM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to the 400 block of S. 22nd St. on a reported shooting. Upon arrival, officers located an unresponsive victim, identified as RASHOD LEONARD, age 21, suffering from a gunshot wound. Columbus Fire medics transported the victim to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased at 2:25 AM. Next of kin notification has been made.

The preliminary investigation did not reveal a motive for this shooting or any suspect descriptors. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Jude at (614) 645-4503, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Jude is the lead detective and is being assisted by Detective Egelhoff.

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