



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: Update: June 5, 2026

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 5/11/2026

Time: 4:55AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 3800 block E. Livingston Ave.

Zone: 2

Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 260331937

Cruiser District: 92

Victim: Maceo Ve Aundreas Burton (deceased)	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 48
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Suspect: Samuel A. Lovejoy	Address: 1878 Stetson Rd. Columbus, Ohio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male
	Race: Black
	Age: 31
Charges: Aggravated Murder / Murder x2 Aggravated Robbery / Felonious Assault Weapons Under Disability	
Suspect: Unidentified	Address:
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex:
	Race:
	Age:
Charges:	

**Incident Summary:**  
**\*\*\*UPDATE #3:** The Franklin County Grand Jury has indicted Samuel A. Lovejoy on one count of Aggravated Robbery, one count of Aggravated Murder, two counts of Murder, one count of Felonious Assault, and one count of Having Weapons While Under Disability. The case has been assigned Franklin County Common Pleas Court Case No. 26 CR 003167.

During the investigation, detectives determined that Lovejoy was accompanied by a second individual who remains unidentified.

The Columbus Division of Police is requesting the public's assistance in identifying this individual. Detectives believe the person may have information regarding the circumstances surrounding Burton's murder.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Polgar at 614-645-4196 or SPolgar@ColumbusPolice.org. Alternately, the public may submit tips to Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at 614-461-TIPS (8477). Information provided to Crime Stoppers may remain anonymous.\*\*\*

**\*\*\*Update #2:** On May 28, 2026, Lovejoy was arrested in connection with this homicide investigation.

A second suspect was also involved in Burton's murder. At this time, the second suspect has not yet been identified.

The investigation into Burton's murder remains ongoing. Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding the identity of the second suspect, or any additional information related to this investigation, to contact Detective Polgar at (614) 645-4196 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477).\*\*\*

\*\*\*Update #1: Homicide Detectives have filed one count of Murder against the above listed suspect in this case. Anyone with any information about his whereabouts is asked to call 911 immediately.\*\*\*

On Monday, May 11, 2026, at 4:55AM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 3800 block E. Livingston Ave. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found Maceo Ve Aundreas Burton, 48, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. CFD Medic 23 transported Burton, to Grant Medical Center in critical condition, where he was pronounced deceased at 5:38AM.

The investigation has revealed that Burton was shot while seated in a vehicle in the parking lot of a business at this location. What prompted this shooting is still under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Polgar at (614) 645-4196 or SPolgar@ColumbusPolice.org or to call Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Polgar is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Komisarek.

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