



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 3/11/2026

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 3/7/2026

Time: 1:27 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1100 Mediterranean Ave.

Zone: 1

Precinct: 1

Incident Report #: 260157749

Cruiser District: 12

Victim: Nathaniel J. Kerby (deceased)	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 18
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Suspect: Aden Lamar Cooper	Address:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M	Race: B	Age: 17
Charges: Murder				
Suspect:	Address:			
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Charges:				

**Incident Summary: \*\*\*UPDATED: On March 11, 2026, detectives were able to identify and file an arrest warrant for the suspect, ADEN LAMAR COOPER, age 17, charging him with Murder. Cooper was taken into custody by Columbus Police SWAT officers without incident and was slated into the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center. \*\*\***

On March 7, 2026, at approximately 1:27 AM, Columbus Police Patrol officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Mediterranean Avenue on a report of a shooting. Officers arrived at the scene and found a male, later identified as Mr. Nathaniel Joseph Kerby, age 18, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. CFD Ladder 24 personnel arrived and pronounced Mr. Kerby deceased from scene, at 1:37 AM. Next of kin notification has been made.

Currently, investigators are reviewing evidence to determine the circumstances that led to this incident. No motive has been identified at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Public Information Office at (614) 645-4925 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Journey is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Orahood.

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