



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide-Team 4 Unit

Date: Update-Mar 17, 2026

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 01/27/2026

Time: 3:18pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 500 Block of S. Richardson Ave Zone: 3

Precinct: 19

Incident Report #: 260062462

Cruiser District: 191

Victim: James C. Pettigrew Jr. (Deceased)

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 31

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Marcellus K. James

Address: Columbus, Ohio

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: B

Age: 29

Charges: Murder-ORC 2903.02 (A)

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary: Update #3-On March 16, 2026, Suspect #1 Marcellus K. James turned himself in at the Franklin County Jail. He is in custody pending his initial court appearance.

Update #2-Suspect #1 has been charged with murder and is still AT LARGE. We are asking for the public's help in locating this subject. He is considered armed and dangerous. If located contact police immediately. Anonymous tips can be made to Central Ohio Crimestoppers. (Photo Attached)

Update #1-Detectives need the public's assistance in locating several individuals possibly involved in this Homicide. Please see the attached photos of four (4) persons of interest. We need each person identified and are asking for the help of anyone who may know or recognize who these persons are. If located, do not approach, they are considered armed and dangerous. Call 911 immediately.

On January 27, 2026, CPD Patrol Officers were dispatched to the location on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, the victim was located suffering from a gunshot wound. He was taken to Grant Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The motive and perpetrator in this murder are unknown at this time. Homicide detectives are investigating. NOK has been notified.

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 O'Connor is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Radich

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