



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 5/14/2026

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 3/4/2026

Time: 6:28PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1700 block of Holburn Ave

Zone: 5

Precinct: 12

Incident Report #: 263001586

Cruiser District: 124

Victim: Thomasena Crowder	Sex: Female	Race: Black	Age: 63
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Suspect: Oza A. Draper	Address: 852 Carpenter St.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male Race: Black Age: 65
Charges: Murder	
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Incident Summary:
*****UPDATE:** Detectives have charged Oza A Draper, 65, with Murder for causing Crowder's death. Draper is currently incarcerated in the Franklin County Jail.

The investigation into Crowder's death is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective Johnson at (614) 645-4488 or AJohnson@ColumbusPolice.org. Information can also be provided anonymously through Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477).***

On March 4, 2026, at approximately 6:28 p.m., Columbus Fire Department medics responded to a residence in the 1700 block of Holburn Ave. on a report of an ill adult female. CFD Medic 15 transported Thomasena Crowder, 63, from her residence to Grant Medical Center for medical treatment.

During the course of medical treatment, it was determined that Crowder had sustained injuries consistent with an assault. Over the following days, Crowder's condition declined.

On March 6, 2026, at 3:04 p.m., Crowder was pronounced deceased. The Franklin County Coroner's Office subsequently ruled Crowder's death a homicide.

Crowder's death is currently under investigation by the Columbus Division of Police Homicide Unit. No additional information is being released at this time.

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