



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 12/20/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 12/6/2023

Time: 7:07 pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 3600 Block of S. High St.

Zone: 5

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 230935798

Cruiser District: 133

Victim: Donald Smith Jr. (Deceased)	Sex: Male	Race: White	Age: 53
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Suspect: Dionta Davon Hughes	Address: 1261 E. 23 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. Columbus, OH 43211
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male      Race: Black      Age: 18
Charges: Murder	
Suspect: Jamarion Fredrae Evans-Bennett	Address: Streets of Columbus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male      Race: Black      Age: 19
Charges: Murder	

**Incident Summary:** On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at approximately 7:00 pm, three male blacks engaged in an altercation with patrons inside of the location. As a result, the suspects were asked to leave by security. Once outside, a physical altercation ensued between the three males and the victim. Subsequently, the victim was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. The suspects fled the scene in a red vehicle.

The suspects were described as three male blacks

Anyone with information as to the identities of the three suspects can contact Detective Agee at (614) 645-2602, the Columbus Police Robbery Squad at (614) 645-4665 or the Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-8477.

**\*\*\*UPDATE:**

Third Suspect: Jayden Agee      Address: 1261 23rd Ave. Columbus, OH 43211  
 Arrested      Sex: Male      Race: Black      Age: 17  
 Charges: Murder

The previously unnamed victim was Donald Smith Jr., 53. On December 18, 2023, Smith succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Meanwhile, this investigation was transferred from Robbery to Homicide.

On December 20, 2023, Homicide Detectives filed Murder charges against Dionta Hughes, 18, Jamarion Evans-Bennett, 19, and Jayden Agee, 17, for causing Smith's death. Later that same day Hughes, Evans-Bennett and Agee were arrested by Columbus Police Officers and are currently incarcerated.

The investigation into Smith's death is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Huffman at (614) 645-4146 or mhuffman@ColumbusPolice.org or to call Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Huffman is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Lemmon.\*\*\*

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