



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 5 Unit

Date: 12/8/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 12/8/2023

Time: 12:41am

Location of Offense/Incident: Area of Weldon Ave & Cleveland Ave

Zone: 6

Precinct: 2

Incident Report #: 230938784

Cruiser District: 22

Victim: #1 Adult	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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Suspect: William L Gray	Address:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M	Race: W	Age: 27
Charges: Murder				
Suspect:	Address:			
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Charges:				

Incident Summary: On December 8, 2023, patrol officers were dispatched to the area of Weldon Ave and Cleveland Ave on the report of a vehicle fire. Officers arrived at the scene with Columbus Fire, Engine 16, and extinguished the fire. The body of an individual was found in the vehicle, Columbus Fire Medic #16 personnel pronounced the individual deceased at 12:56am. Information gained through the investigation led to the arrest of suspect #1. The identity of the deceased individual is unknown at this time. This is an on-going investigation.

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 Chapman is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Soviak.

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