



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 11/22/24

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 11/22/24

Time: 1:01 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 2900 block of Southfield Dr.

Zone: 5

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 240869094

Cruiser District: 134

Victim: Raheem Dawkins

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 18

Victim: ADULT VICTIM

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Branon Peterson, Jr.

Address:

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 19

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

Incident Summary:

*** UPDATE: On December 7, 2024, suspect BRANON PETERSON, JR., age 19, was arrested on a previously filed warrant charging him with murder. This investigation is ongoing. ***

On November 22, 2024, at 1:01 PM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to the 2900 block of Southfield Dr. on a reported shooting. Upon arrival, the officers found one victim, identified as RAHEEM DAWKINS, age 18, suffering from a gunshot wound. Columbus Fire medics arrived and transported Dawkins to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased at 1:32 PM. Next of kin notification has been made.

Another adult male identified himself at the scene as the person who shot Dawkins. The adult male, whose identity is being withheld at this time, claimed self-defense after being assaulted by Dawkins. The preliminary investigation did not reveal a specific motive. The investigation continues and the adult male is cooperating with detectives.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Jude at (614) 645-4503, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Jude is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Egelhoff.

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