



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 5 Unit

Date: 2/26/2024

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Type of Offense/Incident: Felonious Assault

Date: 2/21/2024

Time: 11:52am

Location of Offense/Incident: E. Whittier St E/O Parsons Ave

Zone: 5

Precinct: 11

Incident Report #: 240123594

Cruiser District: 111

Victim: #1-Adult	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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Suspect: Shawn M. Higgs	Address: Fairwood Ave
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M Race: B Age: 46
Charges: Felonious Assault	
Suspect: Elizabeth M. Ferrell	Address: Fairwood Ave
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: F Race: W Age: 41
Charges: Tampering with Evidence	

Incident Summary: *Update: February 26, 2024, with the assistance of our community partners, both suspects from this incident have been identified and charged for their involvement in this shooting. Shawn M. Higgs was charged with felonious assault of victim #1, and Elizabeth M. Ferrell was charged with tampering with evidence. Both parties were slated at the Franklin County Jail.*****

On February 21, 2024, at approximately 11:52 a.m., officers were dispatched to the COTA Bus Stop on E. Whittier St., just east of Parsons Ave., on the report of a shooting. Once officers arrived at the scene, they provided aid to an individual suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. It appears there was a verbal argument between two individuals when one of them produced a firearm and shot the victim. The victim was transported to a local hospital in critical condition, and it is unknown at this time if he will survive the injuries. Columbus Police Homicide will be handling this investigation. Persons of interest #1 (male) and #2 (female) were seen fleeing the area on electric bicycles shortly after the shooting.

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

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