



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Homicide-Team 4 Unit

Date: February 19, 2024

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 05/19/2023

Time: 9:39pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 1000 Block of South James Rd

Zone: 2

Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 060615926

Cruiser District: 91

Victim: Wendell C. Davis (deceased)	Sex: M	Race: B	Age: 51
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Suspect: Deshawne R. Stewart	Address: Columbus, Ohio			
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**Incident Summary:** On July 8, 2006, the victim in this case, Wendell Davis, was shot by the suspect in this case, DeShawne R. Stewart. Mr. Davis suffered a catastrophic wound and was confined to a wheelchair for the remainder of his life until he died on May 19, 2023. On May 23, 2023, the Franklin County Coroner's office completed an autopsy on Mr. Davis and subsequently ruled his death a Homicide. On February 6, 2024, the Franklin County Grand Jury returned an indictment for Mr. Stewart for two counts of Murder in this case. Mr. Stewart's whereabouts are currently unknown. The Columbus Police SWAT team is actively trying to locate him.

**UPDATE:** On February 19, 2024 at 4:08pm, Mr. Stewart was arrested by the Columbus Police SWAT team on Columbus' East side without incident. He was taken to the Franklin County Jail.

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 Radich is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Niederkohr.

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