



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 07/29/24

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 7/28/24

Time: 10:11 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 700 block of S. Ogden Av.

Zone: 3

Precinct: 19

Incident Report #: 240553858

Cruiser District: 191

Victim: John L. Wilks	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 28
Victim: Adult Victim	Sex:	Race:	Age:
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Suspect: Mehki Miller	Address:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: Black
			Age: 18
Charges: Murder			
Suspect:	Address:		
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Charges:			

Incident Summary:
 On July 28, 2024, at 10:11 PM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to the 700 block of S. Ogden Av. on a reported shooting. Upon arrival, the officers found one victim, identified as JOHN WILKS, age 28, unresponsive and suffering from a gunshot wound. A second adult victim was found at a nearby location also suffering from a gunshot wound. Columbus Fire medics arrived and pronounced Wilks deceased at 10:25 PM, while the surviving adult victim was transported to a local hospital. Next of kin notification has been made.

Witnesses identified the suspect who shot the victims as MEKHI MILLER, age 18. Miller eluded officers, but was apprehended in the same neighborhood after an area search. The apparent motive is a dispute between the known parties.

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 Corbin.

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