



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 2 Unit

Date: 5/8/2024

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 5/4/2024

Time: 8:38 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 400 Block of E. 13th Avenue

Zone: 4

Precinct: 4

Incident Report #: 240314392

Cruiser District: 44

Victim: Jerry T. Harper Jr.	Sex: Male	Race: White	Age: 54
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Suspect: Brian Richardson	Address:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 59
Charges: Murder				
Suspect: Derek Miller	Address:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 42
Charges: Murder				

Incident Summary:
*****UPDATE May 8, 2024***** Based on information gained during the investigation of this homicide, Mr. Brian Richardson was arrested and charged with Murder.

Mr. Derek Miller, the other individual wounded in this incident, has also been charged with Murder. Mr. Miller remains in custody as he is being treated for his injuries.

*****UPDATE May 7, 2024***** The deceased victim in this homicide is identified as Mr. Jerry T. Harper Junior. Next of kin notification has been made.

On May 4, 2024, at approximately 8:38 PM, Columbus Police Patrol officers were dispatched to the 400 block of E. 13th Avenue on report of a shooting. Officers arrived at the scene and found a male suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Officers then located a second male nearby in the 400 block of E. 14th Avenue, also suffering gunshot wounds. CFD Medic personnel transported both victims to a local hospital in critical condition. Despite all efforts by medical personnel, the second male succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 1:55 AM on May 5, 2024. At this time, investigators are attempting to determine the circumstances that led up to this incident. The identity of the deceased is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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 Phillips is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Wood.

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