



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 8/18/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 8/17/2023

Time: 6:14PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 5300 block of Valley Ln E

Zone: 1

Precinct: 1

Incident Report #: 230641178

Cruiser District: 14

Victim: Asia Mussa (Deceased)	Sex: Female	Race: Black	Age: 22
Victim: Ali Dirir (Deceased)	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 23
Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:

Suspect:	Address:			
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Incident Summary:
*****UPDATE:** The preliminary ruling on manner of death from the Franklin County Coroner's Office is that Mussa's death was a homicide and Dirir's was a suicide. The investigation revealed that Mussa and Dirir were seated in a parked vehicle when Dirir shot Mussa. Dirir then turned the weapon on himself.***

On Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 6:14PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 5300 block of Valley Ln. E. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found Ali Dirir, 23, and Asia Mussa, 22, seated in a vehicle suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Officers rendered aid to both victims until medics arrived. Dirir and Mussa were both transported to Riverside hospital in critical condition where Mussa was pronounced deceased at 6:49PM and Dirir at 9:30PM.

The circumstances around this shooting are currently under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Westfall at (614) 645-4221 or EWestfall@ColumbusPolice.org or to call Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Westfall is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Johnson.

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