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Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 11/2/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide   **Date: 10/31/2023**   **Time: 9:34PM**

Location of Offense/Incident: 1600 block of Cleveland Ave.   **Zone: 6**   **Precinct: 5**

Incident Report #: 230845475   **Cruiser District: 20**

Victim: Dezmond Vaughn-Butler (Deceased)	**Sex: Male**	**Race: Black**	**Age: 17**
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Suspect: Chrissean Houston   **Address: 1287 E. 22nd St. Columbus, OH 43211**

☒ **Arrested**   ☐ **Warrant on File**   **Sex: Male**   **Race: Black**   **Age: 16**

Charges: Murder

Suspect: Dante Johnston   **Address: 1287 E. 22nd St. Columbus, OH 43211**

☒ **Arrested**   ☐ **Warrant on File**   **Sex: Male**   **Race: Black**   **Age: 18**

Charges: Murder

Incident Summary:
On Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 9:34PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 1600 block of Cleveland Ave. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found the victim, a juvenile, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. CFD Medic 818 transported the victim to a local area hospital in critical condition. Due to the severity of the victim's injuries, the Homicide Unit is investigating this incident.

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.

***UPDATE: The previously unnamed victim is Dezmond Vaughn-Butler, 17. On Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 9:21PM, Vaughn-Butler succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Meanwhile, detectives filed a warrants charging Chrissean Houston, 16, and Dante Johnston, 18, with Murder for causing Vaughn-Butler's death. On Thursday, November 2, 2023, Columbus Police SWAT officers arrested both Houston and Johnston.

The investigation into Vaughn-Butler's death is ongoing. 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).***

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