



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 5 Unit

Date: 11/28/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 11/27/2023

Time: 6:39pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 1100 Block of E Weber Rd

Zone: 6

Precinct: 2

Incident Report #: 230913089

Cruiser District: 24

Victim: Kenjuan K. Howard	Sex: M	Race: B	Age: 26
Victim: #2 Juvenile	Sex:	Race:	Age:
Victim: #3 Juvenile	Sex:	Race:	Age:

Suspect: Payton B. Rice	Address:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M	Race: W	Age: 17
Charges: Murder/Felonious Assault				
Suspect:	Address:			
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Charges:				

Incident Summary: *Update: November 28, 2023, officers were dispatched to the area of McGuffey Rd. and Weber Rd. on an unknown disturbance. Patrol and other officers responded to the area and were able to locate the suspect from the shooting that occurred in the 1100 block of E. Weber Rd. The suspect, Payton B. Rice, was charged with the murder of Kenjuan K. Howard and two counts of felonious assault. He was slated at the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center. Persons of interest #2 and #3 are no longer persons of interest in this case.*****

*****Update: November 28, 2023, the victim from this incident has been identified as Kenjuan K. Howard, the next of kin notification has been made.*****

On November 27, 2023, at approximately 6:39pm, victim #1 and three persons of interest were seen in the 1100 block of E. Weber Rd. The involved parties had a conversation and were seen leaving the area in different directions. At some point, shots were fired, which struck victim #1. Columbus Fire Medic 16 personnel arrived at the scene and pronounced victim #1 deceased at 6:45pm. If anyone knows the identities of the three persons of interest, you are asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at 614-645-2228 or Detective Soviak at 614-774-7660. The identity of the victim is being withheld pending notification of the 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 Soviak is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Brammer.

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