



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 9/13/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 1/15/2023

Time: 9:09PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 2900 block of Azelda St.

Zone: 4

Precinct: 2

Incident Report #: 230037085

Cruiser District: 20

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| Victim: Joseph Crumpler (Deceased) | Sex: Male | Race: White | Age: 30 |
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| Suspect: Rebecca Auburn | Address: Streets of Columbus | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested | <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File | Sex: Female | Race: White |
| Age: 32 | | | |
| Charges: Murder, Agg. Robbery, Felonious Assault, Corrupting Another with Drugs, ect... | | | |
| Suspect: | Address: | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrested | <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File | Sex: | Race: |
| Age: | | | |
| Charges: | | | |

Incident Summary:
 On Saturday, January 15, 2023, at 9:09AM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 2900 block of Azelda Ave. on a report of an overdose. On arrival, officers found Joseph Crumpler, 30, suffering from an apparent overdose. CFD Medic 16 transported Crumpler to Riverside Hospital in critical condition, where he was pronounced deceased.

When interviewed by investigators, Rebecca Auburn, 32, admitted to supplying Crumpler with the narcotics that caused his death and stealing from Crumpler while he was incapacitated.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Polgar at (614) 645-4196 or SPolgar@ColumbusPolice.org or to call Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477).

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