



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 3 Unit

Date: Update: 4-9-2024

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Type of Offense/Incident: Shooting - Murder

Date: March 25, 2024 Time: 12:00PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 100 Block of Jones Ave

Zone: 5

Precinct: 16

Incident Report #: 240206929

Cruiser District: 165

Victim: John R. Lang	Sex: Male	Race: White	Age: 56
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Suspect: Derrick L. Brown	Address: City of Columbus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male      Race: Black      Age: 55
Charges: Murder	
Suspect: Darrelle W. Howell	Address: City of Columbus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male      Race: Black      Age: 33
Charges: Murder, Abuse of a Corpse	

**Incident Summary: \*\*\*\*Update April 9, 2024: On April 9, 2024, Darrelle Howell was arrested on warrants for murder and abuse of a corpse, for his role in the Homicide of John Lang. Darrelle Howell was transported to the Franklin County Jail.\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*UPDATE 4-8-2024: ON APRIL 8, 2024, INVESTIGATORS ARRESTED THE SUSPECT IN THIS HOMICIDE, DERRICK LAMAR BROWN M/B/55. HE WAS CHARGED WITH MURDER AND TRANSPORTED TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL.\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*Update 3-27-2024: The next of kin notification has been completed. The victim of this homicide has been identified as John R. Lang M/W/56\*\*\*\***

**On March 25, 2024, Officers were dispatched to the area of Meek & Jones on a body in the alley. Upon arrival, Officers located the victim, John Doe M/W, who was unresponsive and suffering from a possible gunshot wound. CFD Medic #10 responded to the location and pronounced the victim deceased at 12:10PM. At this time, investigators are attempting to determine the circumstances surrounding this incident. The victim's identity will be released upon the notification of the Next of Kin.**

**The investigation continues.**

**Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Journey at (614) 645-4953, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Journey is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Kirby.**

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