



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Team 4 Unit

Date: 11/27/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 11/24/2023

Time: 9:55pm

Location of Offense/Incident: 5400 Block of Refugee Rd

Zone: 2

Precinct: 20

Incident Report #: 230906373

Cruiser District: 202

Victim: Anthony J. Reitan (deceased)	Sex: M	Race: W	Age: 34
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Suspect: Name Withheld		Address:	
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Suspect:		Address:	
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**Incident Summary:** On November 24, 2023, at approximately 9:55pm, Patrol officers were called to the 5400 block of Refugee Rd on the report of a disturbance. Prior to officers arrival, there were additional calls to 911 that a fight occurred and one of the combatants was no longer breathing. Truro Township medic M162 transported the victim to Mt. Carmel East Hospital where he was subsequently pronounced deceased at 10:52pm. On November 27, 2023, the Franklin County Coroner's office conducted an autopsy of the victim. Due to the victim's injuries, the Coroner has ruled this a Homicide. The other combatant has not been charged with a crime and is not being named at this time. The case will be investigated by the Homicide unit and ultimately referred to the Franklin County Prosecutor's office for review and any potential charges.

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 Niederkohr (jniederkohr@columbuspolice.org) is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Shepherd.

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