



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 10/10/2023

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 10/8/2023

Time: 4:57PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 200 block of Buffalo Ct.

Zone: 5

Precinct: 13

Incident Report #: 230784852

Cruiser District: 133

Victim: Jashua Watts (Deceased)	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 32
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Suspect: Aaron Tecapoe Beamon	Address: 984 Oakwood Ave. Columbus, OH 43206		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: Black
Charges: Murder		Age: 20	
Suspect:	Address:		
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Incident Summary:
On Sunday, October 8, 2023, at 4:57PM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 200 block of Buffalo Ct. on a report of a shooting. On arrival, officers found two adults suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. The first adult, the decedent, was in a gray sedan that had crashed into the tree line just north of the dispatched location. This adult was pronounced dead at scene by CFD Medic 22 at 5:06PM. The second adult was found in a nearby apartment and was transported from the scene by medics in critical condition. This adult's condition was later upgraded to stable.

The decedent's name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The investigation revealed that the decedent was seated in the gray sedan in a nearby parking lot when the decedent was approached by an unidentified male. The decedent and the unidentified male had a brief conversation, during which the surviving adult approached them. An exchange of gun fire then occurred and the decedent drove off crashing into the tree line.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Johnson at (614) 645-4488 or AJohnson@ColumbusPolice.org or to call Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Johnson is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Westfall.

*****UPDATE:** The previously unnamed deceased victim has been identified as Jashua Watts, 32 and Watt's family has been notified of his death. Meanwhile, detectives have charged Aaron Beamon, 20, with Murder for causing Watt's death.

The investigation into Watt's death is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Johnson at (614) 645-4488 or AJohnson@ColumbusPolice.org or to call

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