



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 01/07/25

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 01/07/25

Time: 6:58 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 100 block of Chittenden Av.

Zone: 4

Precinct: 4

Incident Report #: 250014211

Cruiser District: 44

Victim: Autumn Ward	Sex: Female	Race: White	Age: 32
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Suspect: Gage Smith	Address:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: White Age: 28
Charges: Murder			
Suspect:	Address:		
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Incident Summary:
 On January 7, 2025, at 7:21 AM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to the 100 block of Chittenden Ave to investigate a disturbance. Upon arrival, the officers encountered a person, identified as GAGE SMITH, age 28, who was in emotional distress. The officers entered an apartment and found one victim, identified as AUTUMN WARD, age 32, unresponsive with an apparent gunshot wound. Columbus Fire medics arrived and pronounced the victim deceased at 7:49 AM. Next of kin notification has been made.

The preliminary investigation revealed domestic violence as a possible motive. Smith has been charged with Murder. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Camp-Donovan at (614) 645-2557, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Camp-Donovan is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Jude.

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