



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 8/26/24

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 8/25/24

Time: 1:50 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 1100 block of Parma Av.

Zone: 3

Precinct: 10

Incident Report #: 240629562

Cruiser District: 101

Victim: Beverly Barnes	Sex: Female	Race: Black	Age: 59
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Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:

Suspect: James Barnes	Address:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: Black Age: 55
Charges:			
Suspect:	Address:		
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Incident Summary:
 *** UPDATE: The autopsy results confirm this is a murder-suicide incident, where BEVERLY BARNES was killed by JAMES BARNES before he killed himself. Next of kin notifications have been made. ***

On August 25, 2024, at 1:50 PM, Columbus Police officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of Parma Av. on a gunshots fired complaint. Upon arrival, the officers checked a residence in this area and found two victims inside suffering from gunshot wounds. The first victim, an adult female, was unresponsive and pronounced deceased at 2:07 PM by Columbus Fire medics. The second victim, an adult male, was transported to a local hospital by Columbus Fire medics and, despite life-saving measures, was pronounced deceased at 2:56 PM.

A presumptive identification has been made for both victims; however, the identification is being withheld pending autopsy results. The preliminary investigation indicates a murder-suicide incident that may be motivated by domestic violence.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Columbus Police Detective Pribe at (614) 645-0114, the Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730, or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Pribe is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Yoder.

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