



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 2 Unit

Date: UPDATE 8/20/2024

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 6/14/2024

Time: 1:45 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 200 Block of N. 5th Street

Zone: 5

Precinct: 16

Incident Report #: 240427786

Cruiser District: 161

Victim: Desmond Taylor	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 27
Victim: Ceilin Ricard Peakes Smith	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 36
Victim: Adult (2)	Sex:	Race:	Age:

Suspect: Jaquez D. Hoover	Address:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: Black	Age: 26
Charges: Murder (Two counts)			
Suspect:	Address:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex:	Race:	Age:
Charges:			

Incident Summary:

UPDATE 8/20/2024 The Columbus Division of Police is seeking assistance from the public in locating Jaquez Hoover regarding this double homicide. Anyone with knowledge of Mr. Hoover's whereabouts is asked to call the Columbus Police and not approach him directly. Mr. Hoover should be considered armed and dangerous.

Photos from the time of the incident as well as a prior photo are included.

UPDATE 6/15/2024: Based on information obtained following the release of the surveillance video images, warrants were filed against Mr. Jaquez Hoover for two counts of Murder. Mr. Hoover remains at large.

On June 14, 2024, at approximately 1:45AM, Columbus Police Patrol officers were dispatched to the 200 block of N. 5th Street on a report of a shooting. Officers arrived at the scene and found 4 victims suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. The officers rendered aid to the victims until CFD Medic personnel arrived. CFD Medic 1 personnel pronounced Mr. Desmond Taylor deceased at scene at 1:58 AM. Mr. Ceilin Richard Peakes Smith was transported to a local hospital by CFD Medic personnel, and despite all efforts by medical staff, was pronounced deceased at 2:45 AM. Next of kin for both deceased have been notified.

Two additional adult victims were transported by CFD to local hospitals and are expected to survive their wounds.

Investigators are asking for assistance to determine the identities of several persons of interest related to this incident. Please see attached photos of the individuals taken from surveillance cameras.

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 Thomas is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Phillips.

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