



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 2 Unit

Date: 8/21/2024

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 8/20/2024

Time: 5:25 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 2600 Blk of Lauffer Ravines Dr.

Zone: 1

Precinct: 1

Incident Report #: 240616351

Cruiser District: 14

Victim: Sowmya Balasubramanian	Sex: Female	Race: Other	Age: 31
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Suspect: Balasubramanian Kathavarayan	Address:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: Other	Age: 38
Charges:				
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Incident Summary: *UPDATE August 21, 2024***** The female victim in this incident is identified as Ms. Sowmya Balasubramanian. The male suspect is identified as Mr. Balasubramanian Kathavarayan, also deceased. Next of kin have been notified.

On August 20, 2024, at approximately 5:25 PM, Columbus Police Patrol officers were dispatched to the 2600 block of Lauffer Ravines Drive on an unknown complaint. Officers arrived at the scene and found two juveniles unable to get into their apartment. Officers were able to make entry into the apartment to check on the well being of their parents, and found two adults suffering apparent gunshot wounds. CFD EMS 13 personnel pronounced both adults deceased at scene at 6:36 PM.

At this time investigation indicates the incident is likely a murder-suicide. The names of both adults are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

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 Weiner.

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