

Media Information

Columbus Division of Police Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

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Date: 7/11/2024

Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide Date: 7/11/2024 Time: 1:27AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 6300 block of Blue Knoll Dr. Zone: 2 Precinct: 20

| Incident Report #: 240505092 | | Cruiser District: 203 | | |
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| Victim: Alexa Stakely (Deceased) | | Sex: Female | Race: White | Age: 29 |
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| ☐ Arrested | ☐ Warrant on File | Sex: | Race: | Age: |
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Incident Summary:

On Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 1:27AM, Columbus Police Officers were called to the 6300 block of Blue Knoll Dr. on a report of a pedestrian that had been struck by a motor vehicle. On arrival, officers found Alexa Stakely, 29, lying in the roadway suffering from traumatic injuries. CFD Medic 32 transported Stakely, to Mount Carmel East Hospital in critical condition, where she was pronounced deceased at 8:43AM.

Stakely, a single mother and OSU graduate, worked for a local school district as a speech and language pathologist. Stakely also worked a second job as a waitress in order to support her 6 year old child. Stakely had finished her shift and was picking her child up from the babysitter's house on Blue Knoll Dr.

After placing her sleeping child in her 2022 silver Honda SUV, which was parked just outside the babysitter's residence, Stakely started her Honda in order to leave. Stakely then realized she needed an item from the babysitter who she met just inside the front door. As Stakely returned to her Honda it began to back out into the roadway. Stakely was seen running toward her Honda and was heard screaming for her child. Stakely was then struck by the Honda and thrown to the pavement, striking her head causing a fatal wound. The Honda was driven through the apartment complex from where it had been stolen before being abandoned a short distance away. Responding officers located the Honda and recovered Stakely's sleeping child, unharmed, from the Honda.

After the Honda struck Stakley, two males were seen running past Stakely who was laying in the roadway. These males then ran north towards the abandoned Honda. The males continued running northbound, were observed jumping a fence and disappeared into a neighboring apartment complex. Earlier that morning, surveillance video caught a group of males looking into apartments in the area of Castenea Way. When confronted, the males proceeded eastbound further into the complex and out of

view. Two of these males matched the description of the males who were seen running past Stakely after she had been struck.

Detectives are asking anyone with video of the incident itself, or persons loitering in the area, to send it to the URL below or to use the QR code provided. The attached maps shows the areas and apartment complexes the detectives are specifically interested in.

https://ColumbusPDOH.evidence.com/axon/community-request/public/240505092

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to contact Detective Lemmon at (614) 645-2558 or RALemmon@ColumbusPolice.org or to call Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). Detective Lemmon is the lead detective on the case and is being assisted by Detective Johnson.

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