



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 7/17/2024

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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

Victim: Alexa Stakely (Deceased)	Sex: Female	Race: White	Age: 29
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**Incident Summary:**  
**\*\*\*2nd UPDATE:** Detectives appreciate the help the public has provided to date. To reiterate, all three suspects are seen together by witnesses and on surveillance video wandering through the area prior to the theft of Stakely's Honda.

Attached to this release is a video of two of the suspects running behind Stakely's Honda just after it was stolen. These two suspects meet up with the driver when the Honda is abandoned and all three continue northbound. The last place the suspects are captured on video is walking northbound at Brynwood Green Dr. Given the multiple sightings of the trio in the area prior to the theft of Stakely's Honda, and the fact that the three of them are walking shortly after abandoning Stakely's Honda, indicates that they are comfortable in this area. It is likely the suspects live or have friends in the area.

Detectives are still interested in any video of the three suspects, but are particularly interested in any video of the three captured after the theft of Stakely's Honda north of Brynwood Green Dr. Detectives are asking the tenants of The Residences at James Place and The Residences at Akita Lane to carefully check for any video from the early morning hours of July 11, 2024.

See the updated maps depicting the path taken by the suspects and the updated area map depicting the specific area of interest.

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

The lead investigator, Detective Lemmon, can be contacted at (614) 645-2558 or [RALemmon@ColumbusPolice.org](mailto:RALemmon@ColumbusPolice.org).

Detectives are requesting that media outlets display the attached maps and QR code on their social media platforms along with the articles they publish of Stakely's death. Please include captions informing the public of what each map depicts and that the QR Code may be used to upload videos of this incident.\*\*\*

\*\*\*1<sup>st</sup> UPDATE: Attached to this release are videos and still shots of the suspects who were involved in the theft of Stakely's Honda and her death. During the early morning hours of July 11, 2024, prior to stealing Stakely's Honda, these suspects were seen wandering through nearby apartment complexes and condominiums. These apartment complexes and condominiums located east of Gender Rd., north of the Gender Park Condominiums and south of Wright Rd. These apartment complexes and condominiums include: White Oak Park Condominiums, The Green, The Residences at James Place, Brynwood Reserve and The Residences at Akita Lane. (See the area map attached.)

Anyone with video of, or information about, these suspects is asked to contact detectives. Video may be uploaded directly to detectives using the QR Code attached or by following this link:

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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 Stakely, 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 disappear 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.

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**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.**

**Copy To:**      **Executive Staff**

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**Prepared By: Sgt. Marable**

**Assignment: Homicide**

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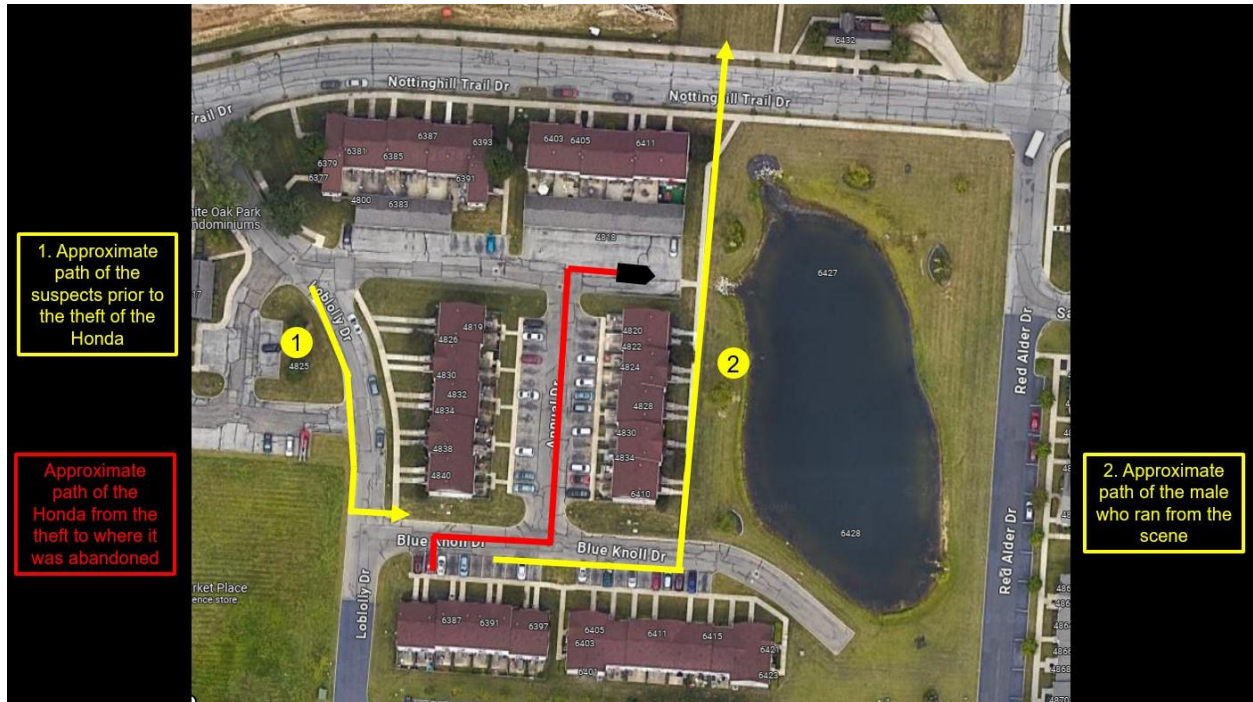
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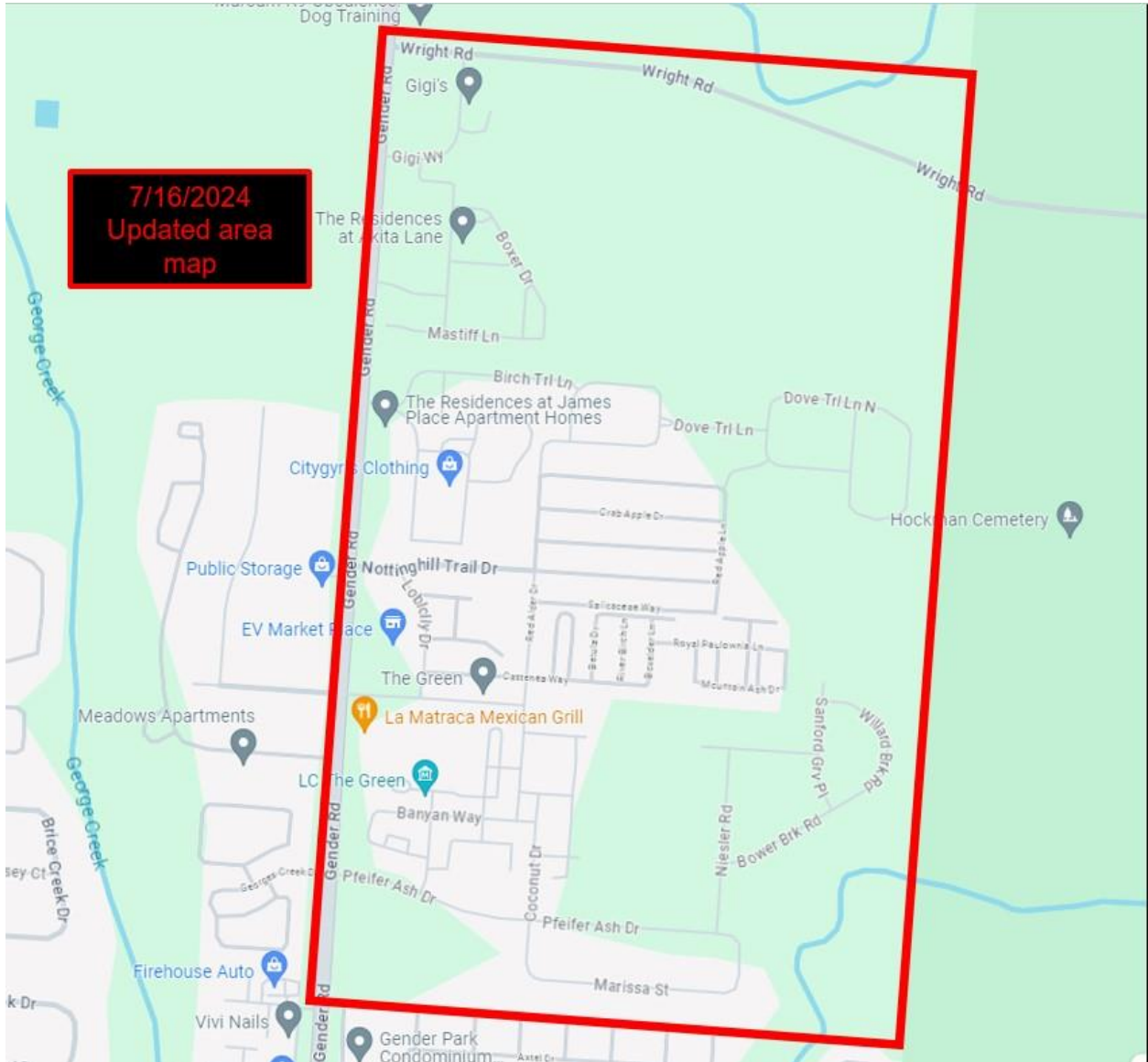


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- Locations and approximate paths of the suspects the night of the incident, arranged in order of occurrence.
1. The suspects are seen looking into apartments on Castenea Way and leave eastbound.
  2. The suspects are confronted by a resident on Castenea Way and leave south east.
  3. Just prior to the theft of Stakley's Honda the suspects are on video walking south on Loblolly Dr. then east on Blue Knoll.
  4. Following the theft of the Honda, two of the suspects run east past Stakley, who was laying in the roadway, and then north. Near the Honda the driver joins them and they run into Brynwood Reserve.
  5. All three suspects are seen walking north through the breezeway of the building Brynwood Green Dr. towards The Residences at James Place and The Residences at Akita Lane.

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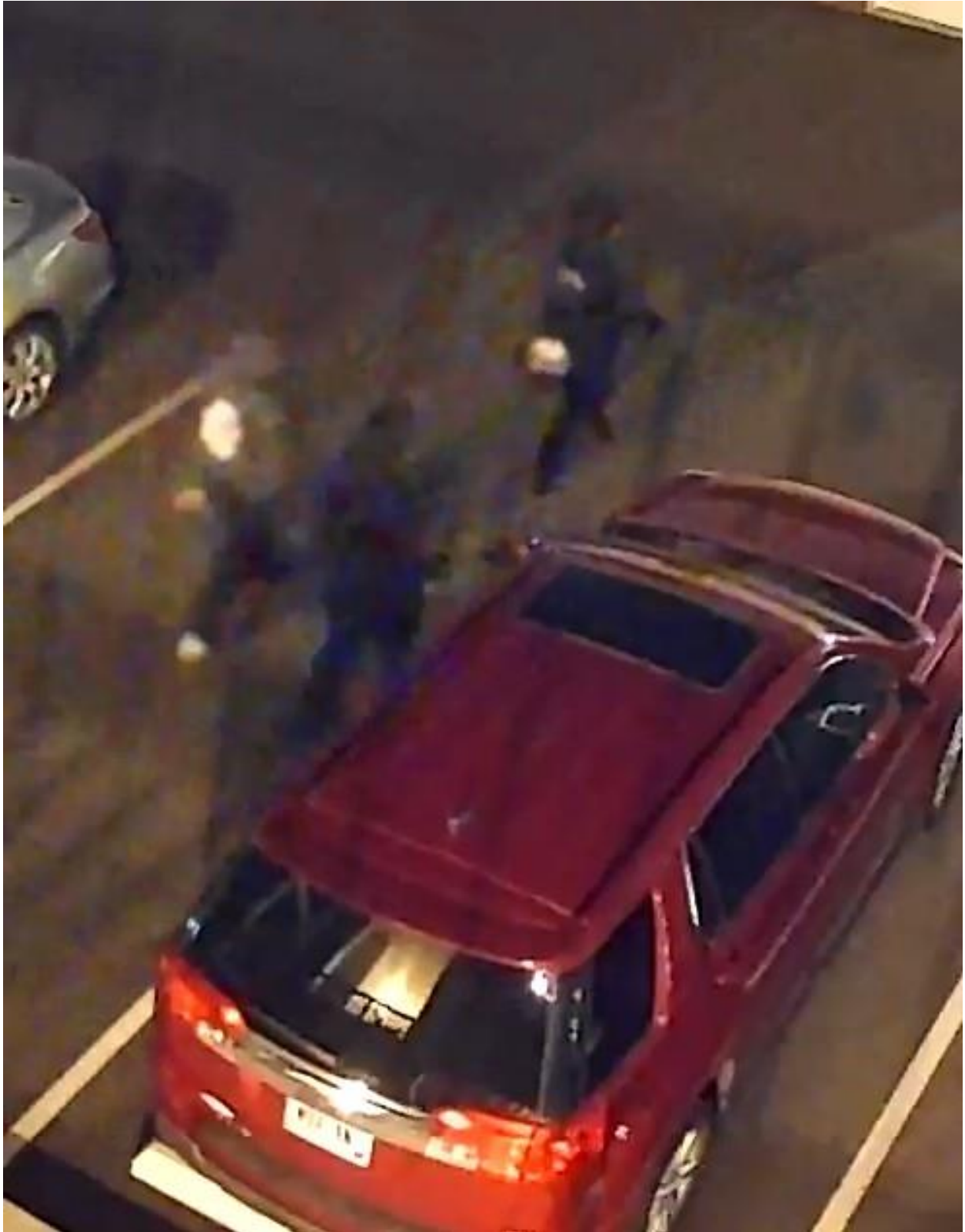




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Not depicted here are two surveillance video clips that were also released.