



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Homicide Bureau / Homicide Team 2 Unit

Date: 9/12/2024

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 8/03/2024

Time: 6:50 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 2600 Block Noe Bixby Road

Zone: 2

Precinct: 20

Incident Report #: 240570209

Cruiser District: 202

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| Victim: Michael Simmons | Sex: Male | Race: Black | Age: 28 |
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| Suspect: Isiah Wharton-Howard                | Address:                                 |           |             |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested | <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File | Sex: Male | Race: Black | Age: 18 |
| Charges: Murder                              |  |           |             |         |
| Suspect: Dwayne A. Johnson                   | Address:                                 |           |             |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested | <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File | Sex: Male | Race: Black | Age: 18 |
| Charges: Murder                              |  |           |             |         |

**Incident Summary: \*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\* On September 12, 2024, SOFAST personnel arrested Mr. Dwayne Johnson, the second suspect wanted for Murder regarding the homicide of Mr. Simmons, without incident.**

**\*\*\*UPDATE August 22, 2024\*\*\* On August 21, 2024, in Sandusky, Ohio (not Sylvania as earlier stated), US Marshals arrested Mr. Isiah Wharton Howard, who was wanted for Murder regarding the homicide of Mr. Michael Simmons. The investigation continues regarding any additional suspects.**

**On August 3, 2024, at approximately 6:50 PM, Columbus Police Patrol officers were dispatched to a business in the 2600 block of Noe Bixby Road on a report of a shooting. Officers arrived at the scene and found a victim, later identified as Mr. Michael Simmons, suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Madison Township Medic 183 personnel transported the victim to Mt. Carmel East Hospital. Despite all efforts by medical personnel, Mr. Simmons was pronounced deceased at 7:22 PM. Next of kin has been notified.**

**Detectives are currently investigating the circumstances leading up to this homicide.**

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

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