



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Special Victims Bureau / Sexual Assault Unit

Date: 09/05/2024

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Endangered Missing / Abduction

Date: 09/03/2024

Time: 10:02 P.M.

Location of Offense/Incident: 2000 Block of E. Main St.

Zone: 5

Precinct: 12

Incident Report #: 240656551

Cruiser District: 121

Victim: Ashley Freestone	Sex: F	Race:	Age:
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Suspect: Richard Patridge	Address:			
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Charges: Abduction				
Suspect:	Address:			
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Incident Summary: UPDATE :On September 3, 2024 Patrol notified the SAAVU-C about a kidnapping of an adult female by the father of her children at gunpoint. Columbus Police, Sexual Assault Unit took lead on the investigation. An Endangered Missing Adult poster was generated and Abduction charges were filed on the suspect, Richard Patridge. In the morning hours of September 5, 2024, the victim, Ashley Freestone, was located unharmed and is no longer considered to be missing.

The Suspect, Richard Patridge, has not been located, still has several outstanding warrants for his arrest, and is still considered armed and dangerous. Please do not approach, call 911 if Mr. Patridge is located.

The incident is still under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Columbus Police Sexual Assault Unit at 614-645-4701.

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