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## **Arrest Made in April 2024 Murder Investigation**

The Columbus Police Department has made an arrest in connection with a deadly shooting that happened earlier this year in the 3100 block of Victory Drive.

On April 28, 2024 at 4:02 p.m., officers responded to reports of a shooting at a vacant lot. Upon arrival, officers located a male victim (later identified as Willie Harris, Jr., 25) deceased from gunshot wounds. EMS responded to the scene but were unable to resuscitate him.

The Violent Crimes Unit responded to the scene to take lead on the investigation.

On December 31, 2024, investigators identified Jamaal Scott, 17, as the suspect and obtained a warrant for his arrest. Scott, who was already in custody at the Muscogee County Jail on unrelated charges, was served with the warrant. He is charged with Murder and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime.



Scott is scheduled for a hearing in Recorder's Court on Friday, January 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Anyone with information related to this case is urged to contact Cpl. Kevin Ross at at 706-225-4257. You can remain anonymous.

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