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## **Old Post Court Death Investigation**

**On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 7:29 p.m., Columbus Police Officers responded to a call in the 6400 block of Old Post Court regarding an unresponsive individual.**

**Upon arrival, officers located a deceased male on the living room floor with a gunshot wound to the chest area. The individual was later identified as James Nathan Smith, 49. EMS responded to the scene and could not resuscitate him. Deputy Coroner Elizabeth Allison was called to the scene and pronounced him deceased.**

**The Violent Crimes Unit was called to the scene to take lead on the investigation.**

**Detectives are actively investigating the incident as a death investigation. While preliminary indicators suggest a possible self-inflicted injury, the Columbus Police Department will await the official ruling from the Medical Examiner's Office following the completion of the autopsy.**

**Investigators are following up on all leads and will make further determinations once all evidence has been processed and reviewed.**

**As with all investigations, we remain committed to a thorough and unbiased review of the facts.**

**No further information will be released at this time.**

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