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## **Four Suspects Charged in March Homicide**

**On March 29, 2025, Columbus Police Officers responded to a residence in the 1100 block of Curtis Street in reference to an individual who had been assaulted. Responding officers discovered a male (later identified as Topher MacQuire, 53) conscious and complaining of chest pain. He was transported by EMS to Piedmont Columbus Regional, where he later passed away.**

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

**An autopsy determined that MacQuire's cause of death was a homicide. Further investigation revealed the assault leading to his death occurred on Beacon Avenue, just a few blocks from where he was found.**

**As a result of the investigation, the following individuals have been charged with Murder and Aggravated Assault:**

- **Stacy McDowell, 50**
- **Michael Dowling, 35 (already in jailed on separate charges)**
- **Tyler Dowling, 31**
- **John Bryant, 53**

**All four individuals appeared in Recorder's Court on July 30, 2025, where their cases were bound over to Superior Court. The case remains under investigation.**

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