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Brookstone Boulevard Murder Investigation

*****UPDATE*****

On Tuesday, October 7, 2025, Antanavious Butler, 26, was arrested in connection with the murder of Norman Lane. Our Violent Crimes Unit and Special Operations members took Butler into custody without incident. Butler was transported to the Muscogee County Jail and charged with Murder, Home Invasion, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime. He is scheduled to appear in Recorder's Court for a preliminary hearing on Friday, October 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.



*****ORIGINAL RELEASE 10/7/2025*****

On Monday, October 6, 2025, around 8:16 p.m., Columbus Police Officers responded to a home in the 6200 block of Brookstone Boulevard in reference to a possible burglary. Upon arrival, officers observed signs of forced entry into the home and located a deceased male (later identified as Norman Lane, 65) with gunshot wounds inside the residence. Deputy Coroner Ben Saxon arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim deceased at 9:09 p.m.

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

The investigation remains active, and additional details will be released as they become available. Anyone with information is asked to contact Cpl. Justin Doll at 706-225-3161 or doll.justin@columbusga.org. You can remain anonymous.

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