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## Budgetel Inn & Suites Murder Investigation

### **\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\***

On November 18, 2025, Ricky Daniels, 23, was taken into custody by CPD's Fugitive Unit. He is charged with Murder and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime in the death of Xavier Igus. Daniels is scheduled to appear in Recorder's Court on Friday, November 21, 2025, at 8 a.m.



**Ricky Daniels**

### **\*\*\*ORIGINAL RELEASE 11/17/2025\*\*\***

On November 16, 2025 at 7:19 p.m., Columbus Police Officers responded to the 3100 block of Victory Drive (Budgetel Inn & Suites) in reference to a shooting. Responding officers discovered a Black male (later identified as Xavier Igus, 31) suffering from a gunshot wound. EMS responded to the scene and transported the victim to Piedmont Columbus Regional where he succumbed to his injuries. An emergency room doctor pronounced him deceased at 8:04 p.m.

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

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact Cpl. Crystal Talley at 706-225-3161 or [tallev.crvystal@columbusga.org](mailto:tallev.crvystal@columbusga.org). You can remain anonymous.

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