

INVESTIGATION

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SECTION

MEDIA RELEASE

March 11, 2026

On October 17, 2025, at approximately 2:00 AM, Central Business Section officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Sycamore Street for a report of a person shot. Upon arrival, officers located a male victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The Cincinnati Fire Department responded, started life-saving measures and determined the victim was deceased. The decedent has been identified as **Mr. Justin Johnson, male, 34 years of age**. On October 17, 2025, the Cincinnati Police Department's Homicide Unit arrested **Robert Shaw, male, 50 years of age**, for Murder.

UPDATE: On March 11, 2026, the Cincinnati Police Department's Homicide Unit, with assistance from the Fugitive Apprehension Unit, arrested **Phillip Shaw, male, 41 years of age**, for Murder.



Justin Johnson Robert Shaw Phillip Shaw

The investigation by the Cincinnati Police Department's Homicide Unit is ongoing. Anyone with information about this homicide is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (513) 352-3542.

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Anyone with information about this homicide investigation is asked to call CPD at 513-765-1212 or CRIME STOPPERS at 513-352-3040. Callers may remain anonymous and may receive compensation for their information.