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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Suspect Arrested for Aggravated Murder**

**[Lancaster, Ohio, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020]**

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, Detectives with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, Ohio Homeland Security Franklin County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Marshall's Office, and Columbus Division of Police, conducted a traffic stop in the area of North Hamilton Road and Wagner Road.

Dai'zhon Maddox was arrested in connection to the murder of Devante Strickland.

Detectives recovered three firearms, U.S. currency, narcotics, Marijuana and Fentanyl from the vehicle.

On July 26<sup>th</sup> Deputies were in the 6800 block of Crumley Road SW in Amanda Township investigating a loud party call when they heard gunshots. As they approached the scene, two individuals were located with gunshot wounds.

Devante Marquise Strickland succumbed to his injuries.

Sheriff Phalen advised the investigation is continuing and is asking that anyone with information about the shooting to please contact the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office at (740) 652-7911 or the Detective Bureau Tip Line at (740) 652-7333.

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Dai'zhon Maddox