

Press Release

The Franklin County Grand Jury returned a three-count indictment charging former Franklin County Sheriff Deputy Michael Jason Meade with two counts of Murder and one count of Reckless Homicide in the shooting death of Casey Christopher Goodson Jr. that happened on December 4, 2020. The indictment came as a result of a comprehensive investigation conducted by the Columbus Police Department's Critical Incident Review Team, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cincinnati-Columbus Public Corruption/Civil Rights Squad, and the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General. Due to a potential conflict of interest because the elected prosecuting attorney represents the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in all legal proceedings, Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney G. Gary Tyack requested the Franklin County Common Pleas Court to appoint special prosecutors to oversee the criminal investigation of the shooting. Accordingly, Special Prosecutors Gary S. Shroyer and H. Tim Merkle received and reviewed the combined efforts of the investigative teams. Following a review by the special prosecutors they made a presentation to the Franklin County Grand Jury that resulted in today's indictment. A copy of the indictment is attached.

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The State of Ohio,
Franklin County

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INDICTMENT FOR: Murder (ORC 2903.02) (UF) (1 Count); Murder (ORC 2903.02) (UF) (1 Count); Reckless Homicide (ORC 2903.041) (F3) (1 Count). Total: 3 Counts.

Grand Jury Term

Beginning September 10, 2021

Count One **Murder, §2903.02, UF**

Defendants Michael Jason Meade

Date of Offense On or about December 4, 2020

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, duly selected, impaneled, sworn and charged to inquire of crimes and offenses committed within the body of Franklin County, in the State of Ohio, upon their oath do find and present that Michael Jason Meade late of said County, on or about December 4, 2020, within the County of Franklin aforesaid, in violation of section 2903.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, did purposely cause the death of Casey Christopher Goodson, Jr..

Count Two **Murder, §2903.02, UF**

Defendants Michael Jason Meade

Date of Offense On or about December 4, 2020

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, duly selected, impaneled, sworn and charged to inquire of crimes and offenses committed within the body of Franklin County, in the State of Ohio, upon their oath do find and present that Michael Jason Meade late of said County, on or about December 4, 2020, within the County of Franklin aforesaid, in violation of section 2903.02 of the Ohio Revised Code, did cause the death of Casey Christopher Goodson, Jr., as a proximate result of the offender committing or attempting to commit an offense of violence that is a felony of the first or second degree, to wit: Felonious Assault, in violation of Section 2903.11(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Count Three **Reckless Homicide, §2903.041, F3**

Defendants Michael Jason Meade

Date of Offense On or about December 4, 2020

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, duly selected, impaneled, sworn and charged to inquire of crimes and offenses committed within the body of Franklin County, in the State of Ohio, upon their oath do find and present that Michael Jason Meade late of said County, on or about December 4, 2020, within the County of Franklin aforesaid, in violation of section 2903.041 of the Ohio Revised Code, did recklessly cause the death of Casey Christopher Goodson, Jr..

All of the above conduct being contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided,
and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

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A TRUE BILL



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Foreperson, Grand Jury

The following is information for the Clerk of Courts only

State of Ohio v. Michael Jason Meade

Address [REDACTED]

DOB [REDACTED]

Sex/Race: Male/White

Date of Arrest:

SSN: [REDACTED]

Police Agency: Columbus Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation

Municipal Reference:

ITN #:

Count 1: Murder §2903.02, UF

Count 2: Murder §2903.02, UF

Count 3: Reckless Homicide §2903.041, F3

Case No.