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Merrywood Drive Murder Arrest

On May 7, 2026 around 5:20 p.m., Columbus Police Officers responded to the 4400 block of Merrywood Drive in reference to a shooting. Responding officers discovered a Black male (later identified as Dean Hill, 30) suffering from a gunshot wound. EMS responded to the scene and transported the victim to Piedmont Columbus Regional. An emergency room doctor pronounced the victim deceased at 6 p.m.

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

Preliminary investigation revealed Korbet Smith, 27, as the suspect. After further investigation, probable cause was established to arrest and charge Smith with the following:

- **Murder**
- **Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Crime**



Smith is scheduled to appear in Recorder's Court on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

This case remains under investigation. Anyone with information is urged to contact Sgt. M. Dahnke at 706-225-4929 or MDahnke@columbusga.org. You can remain anonymous.

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