

Murder suspect apprehended in Mount Vernon

A Columbus man charged with a homicide last month was apprehended this morning in Mount Vernon by local law enforcement.

Andre Lavon Boozer Jr., 35, was wanted for questioning regarding a homicide in Franklin County, according to Mount Vernon Police Chief Roger Monroe.

In a press release issued Wednesday afternoon, Monroe said the Columbus Police Department contacted MVPD Wednesday morning with information that Boozer was in the area.

“In a joint effort with the Mount Vernon Police Department, Knox County Sheriff’s Office and Columbus Police Department, Boozer was located at 603 N. Mulberry St.,” stated the press release. “After a brief standoff, [Boozer] was taken into custody without incident.”



Heroin, crack cocaine and marijuana, along with several hundred dollars in cash was found at 603 North Mulberry Street, Mount Vernon, during the arrest of Andre Boozer Jr., of Columbus, on Wednesday. Boozer was taken into custody and transferred to Franklin County on Thursday where he is charged with one count of murder.

According to reports from the Columbus Dispatch, Boozer was charged with the Aug. 8, murder of 50-year-old McKinley Watson. An arrest warrant for Boozer was issued on Aug. 13.

Boozer has a criminal history that includes possession of drugs, domestic violence, tampering with evidence, aggravated burglary and brandishing a firearm, among others, according to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas website,

Calls to the Columbus Police Department and the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office seeking additional information have not been returned.

Monroe told the News this morning, a large amount of narcotics were found at the North Mulberry Street home. MVPD is a member of the Metrich Task Force, which is handling the narcotics side of the case, which is still under investigation.

Boozer remains in the Knox County Jail as of press time.

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