

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
PRESS RELEASE

DATE OF INCIDENT 10/26/24
TIME OF INCIDENT 0100
LOCATION CHURCH and PRENTICE
VICTIM MERAZ, Elisha W/F age 32
ARRESTED/CHARGED BALLARD, Deondrae B/M age 32
CHARGE MURDER

NARRATIVE On 10/26/24, officers were dispatched to Church and Prentice on a person shot. Officers arrived on scene and located the victim, Elisha Meraz, suffering from at least one gunshot wound. The victim was treated on scene and transported to St V's, where she later died. Detectives responded and opened an investigation. On 10/31/24, a Murder warrant was issued for Deondrae Ballard. On 12/2/24, personnel from the US Marshals Task Force and TPD arrested Ballard at a family member's home and booked Ballard into LCJ.

Anyone with information is asked to call or text Crimestopper.

Lieutenant Daniel Gerken
Toledo Police Department
Investigative Services

APPROVING AUTHORITY _____

DATE 12/2/24

SUPERVISOR REVIEWING AND AUTHORIZING RELEASE