



# News Release

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**Kenneth Coontz, Chief of Police**

**For Immediate Release**

**Date: August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**No. #52**

**Subject: Homicide**

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 0258 hours, the Mansfield Division of Police patrol units responded to 387 Fourth Avenue in reference to a 911 call about a "man down" and a possible Burglary. Upon Officers arrival, they found Thomas J. Belcher (W/M, 52 YOA); inside the residence suffering from gunshot wounds and deceased. Major Crimes Detectives responded to the location and requested the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) to assist in processing of the crime scene.

During the investigation, numerous items related to the homicide were found and collected inside the residence as well as various containers and baggies of suspected illegal drugs. The Major Crimes Unit is actively investigating this Homicide and no arrests have been made in connection with the crime at this time.

If anyone can provide additional information about this Homicide and/or possible suspects; please contact Major Crimes Detective Sergeant Ken Carroll at (419) 755-9761 or Detective Dave Scheurer at (419) 755-9748.