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## City OKs earlier youth curfew

### Columbus measure adds penalties for parents, kids

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Columbus is expanding the hours of its youth curfew law and, next year, adding penalties for parents and kids.

Columbus City Council voted 8-1 on June 29 to approve the measure championed by Columbus City Council President Shannon Hardin and Council-

member Emmanuel Remy. Columbus police leadership had asked for an expanded curfew law, and conversations were also held with the Franklin County juvenile court, Hardin said.

"This is designed to prioritize education, engagement and prevention, not punishment," Hardin said.

The legislation, which takes effect immediately, expands an existing curfew ordinance prohibiting minors from

being out in public unsupervised at night. Curfew is moving up from midnight to 10 p.m. for anyone ages 13 to 17 and to 9 p.m. for anyone under 13 years old.

Beginning in 2027, the law will add penalties for children who violate the curfew and their parents. Hardin said this will give the city time to educate officers and families about the new curfew.

Columbus City Councilmember Christopher Wyche, who voted against

the ordinance, said the change is a punitive approach and called for the city to instead create safe spaces for youth to congregate late. He called it absurd that the city's recreation centers close at 8 p.m. in the summertime when it's not even dark outside.

"I hope we do not lose any young people in the process of figuring out what this looks like," Wyche said as he voted no.

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Saint Hillien Estimable has lived in Springfield for three years. He said he doesn't know what to do after the loss of his protected status. COURTNEY HERGESHEIMER/COLUMBUS DISPATCH

## Ex-deputy Meade's bond gets reinstated

### Prosecutors considering possible 3rd murder trial

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Jason Meade, the former Franklin County Sheriff's deputy convicted of reckless homicide in the December 2020 shooting of Casey Goodson Jr., has been released from Franklin County jail on bond as prosecutors weigh whether or not to try him for murder a third time.

If that trial does move forward, it will be under a different judge than the last two.

Common Pleas Court Judge David Young stepped aside from the case at the conclusion of the June 30 bond hearing. Young said that several of his evidentiary decisions in the prior trials are likely to be reviewed on appeal and having a new judge handle a potential third trial is the best path forward.

Court records show Judge Julie Lynch has now been assigned to the case. Lynch is also handling the case of former Columbus police officer Ricky Anderson.

Before recusing himself, Young determined that because a murder charge is pending against Meade, his previously posted \$250,000 bond would be reinstated. Young decided after asking Franklin County Prosecutor Shayla Favor and First Assistant Prosecutor Bob Krapenc what their intention was with the murder charge.

Krapenc said there are still discussions underway, but no final decision has been made.

On May 7, a Franklin County jury found Meade, 47, guilty of reckless homicide in the death of 23-year-old

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## 'We can't sleep'

### For Springfield's Haitians, there may be no good choices

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SPRINGFIELD – After the Supreme Court cleared the way for the Trump administration to end temporary protected status, federal officials say Haitians in the U.S. have two options: apply to stay or leave.

On CNN's State of the Union on June 28, Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said migrants should seek permanent legal status or accept government assistance to return to their home countries.

"We'll actually give you a plane ticket, plus roughly \$2,100 to help you reestablish when you get there," he said, "but temporary protective status, according to the courts and in its name itself, is not permanent status."

Haitian residents here and immigration experts say it's not that simple.

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**"I guess it's the president's choice on what to do. When there are hundreds of people without a path, when most of them have abided by the law and followed the rules and waited in line, it doesn't seem like a just choice."**

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