

18-year-old charged in his twin's murder

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COLUMBUS, Ohio - The family of an 18-year-old accused in the murder of his twin brother issued a statement saying that Columbus, Ohio, police may have the wrong man. Derris Lewis is accused as an accomplice in the Jan. 18 shooting of his brother, Dennis, and currently sits in the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center, where he is awaiting a hearing set for March 12. Police claim to have evidence linking Derris Lewis to the crime, but they have not made it public. "We have thoroughly investigated the charges filed against him. We have thoroughly considered the theories and arguments of the police," the family said in a written statement. "Even well intentioned police officers make mistakes resulting in completely innocent people being charged." The family said Lewis is innocent and they support him. "There are common-sense explanations to every police claim, which will be presented at trial if necessary. No one who knows Derris believes he is involved in this or any other crimes." Dennis Lewis was shot by masked men while protecting his mother from home invaders on Jan. 18.

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