

Ohio State Wrestler Sammy Sasso Shot In Robbery Attempt



According to several reports, Ohio State wrestler Sammy Sasso was shot in Columbus on Friday during an attempted robbery and remains in serious condition.

The shooting was reported around 8:30 p.m. on Friday evening in Columbus' University District, with Sasso - who identified himself to a witness as an Ohio State wrestler - reportedly shot in the stomach and taken to the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. No suspects were immediately taken into custody.

According to a report from Lehigh Valley Live, Sasso underwent surgery following the shooting and was in surgery again on Saturday morning, and his condition remains serious, though he is expected to make a full recovery.

Sasso is a two-time Big Ten champion and four-time NCAA qualifier, twice finishing as a runner-up, and he is just the ninth four-time All-American in program history. He is entering his sixth season with the Buckeyes.

"Ohio State student-athlete Sammy Sasso was the victim of a senseless shooting incident Friday evening in Columbus," wrestling coach Tom Ryan said in a statement. "Sasso was transported to The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center (WMC), where he is continuing to be cared for and monitored. Our coaching staff, along with members of the wrestling program and Athletics administrators, are grateful for the caregivers at WMC, thankful Sasso's injuries are not life-threatening, and are supporting Sasso and his family. OSUPD is assisting Columbus Police with the ongoing investigation."