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Homicide Investigation Update

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives have received a ruling from the Jefferson County District Attorney's office on a stabbing death investigation. The incident occurred on Friday, May 6, 2016 around 2:15 p.m., in the 1600 block of Graymont Avenue.

The victim has been identified as:

Eddie Townsend, B/M, 69, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Detectives learned the incident stemmed from a domestic altercation involving the victim, victim's wife and their two daughters. Apparently, after the daughters arrived at the residence they attempted to restrain the victim who had a knife in his hands. At that time, one of the daughters stabbed the victim according to witnesses. The original story told by the victim was made up in an attempt to protect the daughter. "The detectives did an outstanding job in this case. Their attention to detail proved to be extremely valuable. Unfortunately, bad information can cause unnecessary concern in our communities. Our citizens thought the victim was killed by strangers but it was actually family related."

Detectives presented the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's office advised detectives that no charges will be filed against the daughter due to the details surrounding the domestic incident. The District Attorney's office advised that the stabbing will be ruled as justifiable and hence will not be counted as a criminal homicide.

Refer to media release #47 of 2016 for additional information on this case.

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