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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred January 3rd, 2017 in the 600 block of Earline Circle (The Oaks Apartments).

The victim is:

Randale Oden B/M, 34

On Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at approximately 2:05 a.m., Officers from the East Precinct responded to the listed location on a person shot. Upon arrival, officers observed the victim lying in the breezeway suffering from what appeared to be a gunshot to the body. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

Detectives learned the victim and his ex-girlfriend got into an argument at another apartment in the complex. During the argument, the victim assaulted his ex-girlfriend. Witnesses at the scene intervened by separating both the victim and his ex-girlfriend. The ex-girlfriend proceeded to leave but was followed by the victim to the current location. Once at the location, the ex-girlfriend knocks on the door of an acquaintance apartment and the acquaintance notices the victim is holding the ex-girlfriend in some type of choke hold (neck restraint). At that time, an argument started between both men which eventually led to the acquaintance shooting the victim. The acquaintance was detained and transported to the Administration Building for further questioning.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 254-7777.