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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the 1700 block of Pearson Avenue (Best Convenience Store).

The victim is:

**Rashiem Porter B/M, 36**

On Wednesday, January 11, 2017 around 8:45 p.m., Officers from the West Precinct responded to the listed location on a person shot. Upon arrival, officers observed the victim lying on the ground suffering from what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds to the body. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

Detectives learned the victim and the black male suspect got into a physical altercation over an unknown matter prior to the shooting. The victim's mother and brother were also at the location and once the fight was over the mother started to walk home. The suspect and another black male ran from the front of the building and began to strike the mother to the face with a gun knocking her to the ground. The victim attempted to run to his mother's aide but was shot by the suspect. The suspects fled the scene in a black Nissan. "Detectives are confident that the shooter will be brought to justice".

**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.**