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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in 1700 block of 2nd Ave. South.

The victim has been identified as:
BM, 17 of Birmingham

On February 7, 2017 at approximately 2:50 p.m., Officers of the South Precinct responded to the listed location on a male shot. Upon arrival, officers found the victim lying in the street suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. Officers immediately began performing CPR in an attempt to preserve the victim's life but was unsuccessful. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

Preliminary investigation revealed the victim along with several of his associates were meeting another group to exchange handguns and purchase an additional handgun. Both groups met in an alley to make the exchange when one of the young men started shooting from a brown colored vehicle striking the victim. The suspects fled the scene. Detectives also learned the transaction was coordinated on Facebook. "This is extremely unfortunate. The fact that another young person can invest the energy and effort into activities that are detrimental to their lives. Sad."

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.