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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred Sunday, January, 29, 2017 in 400 block of 20<sup>th</sup> Street Ensley.

The victim has been identified as:

**Ledarius Belser, B/M, 26 of Birmingham**

On Sunday, January 29, 2017, at 2:15 a.m. officers from the West Precinct responded to the listed location on an individual shot. Upon arrival, officers observed a black male driving a black SUV running traffic lights near the incident location. Officers followed the black SUV which finally stopped at Princeton Hospital. The victim was escorted inside the hospital for treatment, but later transferred to UAB Hospital with life threatening wounds to the neck. Officers also noticed the black SUV had multiple bullet holes.

On Friday, February 10, 2017, UAB Hospital staff contacted the detective informing him the victim had died. At this time, it was unclear regarding cause of death.

**Update:** On Monday, February 13, 2017, Jefferson County Coroner's Office informed us the victim Ledarius Belser died as a result of injuries he received on January 29, 2017.

**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.**