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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred Thursday, September 8, 2016 in 5700 block of Sycamore Avenue.

The victim has been identified as:
Kevin Hooten, b/m, 27 of Birmingham

On Thursday, September 8, 2016, around 7:50 a.m. officers from the West Precinct responded to the listed location on a person shot. Upon arrival, the victim was being transported to UAB hospital by Birmingham Fire and Rescue. According to witnesses, the victim came to the location with his girlfriend (suspect's mother) to retrieve a handgun that the suspect had stolen from him. The victim waited in the car while his girlfriend went inside to retrieve the gun from her son. While inside, words were exchanged and the suspect came out of the house and fired several shots into the vehicle striking the victim who was sitting in the passenger's seat.

On February 22, 2017 around 1:00 p.m., the victim died while being cared for at Arlington Rehabilitation. The Coroner's Office has classified this case as a Homicide. Charges are pending. The suspect is not in custody.

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.