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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred Friday, March 24, 2017 in 2500 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Court South.

The deceased has been identified as:

**Darius Chatman, B/M, 26 of Birmingham**

On Friday, March 24, 2017, around 11:38 p.m. officers from the South Precinct observed a black male standing outside of apartment 2502 firing a handgun. Additional officers were called to the scene for assistance. Officers were able to detain the male and secure the firearm without incident. Officers observed what appeared to be blood on the front lawn and throughout the residence. Also, officers observed another black male in the rear of the apartment lying on the grass with a bandana over his face with gloves on his hands suffering from what appeared to be gunshot wounds to the body. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced the male deceased.

Preliminary investigation points to a home invasion. The male who was detained stated while he was inside of his residence, the deceased male entered his home with a handgun, and attempted to rob him. The male stated that a struggle took place inside his residence, and the deceased male shot him in the groin area. At this point, the victim was unable to give additional information due to the pain from his injury. The victim was transported to UAB Hospital (stable condition). The scene suggested that after the struggle inside the residence, the victim secured a handgun from his residence and returned fire striking the suspect. Officers collected two handguns from the scene.

**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.**