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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Friday, June 30, 2017 in the 1700 block of Jefferson Avenue SW.

The victim's identity is unknown at this time.

On Friday, June 30, 2017, around 8:54 pm, officers from the West Precinct were dispatched to the listed location on reports of gunshots being fired in the area. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the complainant, who stated that he was following behind his son in his vehicle when his son and his son's friend (suspects) began firing rounds towards his car. While officers were talking with the complainant, a call involving a vehicular accident was dispatched just down the street from the officers' location. Officers responded to the wreck location and were able to determine that the wreck was a result of the driver being shot by a stray bullet from when the suspects were shooting at the complainant. After the driver of the wrecked vehicle was shot, the vehicle left the roadway and struck a house in the 1700 block of Jefferson Avenue. The victim suffered one gunshot wound to his right side of his body and was pronounced deceased on the scene. The two other occupants were transported to UAB Hospital. The complainant's vehicle was also struck by a round but he was not injured during the incident.

The complainant stated that this all started because his son (suspect) stole a credit card from his mother (suspect's grandmother) in order to go buy an iPhone. The complainant went looking for his son and located him at Good Friends restaurant. The complainant began following his son down Jefferson Avenue and this is when the shooting occurred.

A BOLO of the suspects' vehicle was issued and a short while later Officers spotted the vehicle at Triple S convenience store on 24th Street SW. The suspects fled the location in the suspect vehicle and officers pursued behind them. After a brief pursuit, the suspects' vehicle collided with

a marked patrol unit that was responding to the area to assist (Grant Ave and 18th Street SW). This accident is still being investigated and it is unclear at this time if the suspects intentionally struck the patrol vehicle or if it was just an accident. The two officers in the patrol vehicle were transported by Birmingham Fire and Rescue to UAB Hospital to be treated for serious injuries. The suspects were transported to the Administration Building to be interviewed and were placed on a felony time extension for Capital Murder.

“We are extremely thankful that our officers walked away from this horrific accident alive. Unfortunately, an innocent life was lost due to the reckless actions of two not so innocent individuals.”

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.