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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Sunday, July 16, 2017 in the 1100 block of 15th Street SW.

The victim has been identified as:
Erskine Hawkins, B/M, 47 of Birmingham

On Sunday, July 16, 2017, around 3:15 pm, officers from the West Precinct were dispatched to the listed location on a person shot. Upon arrival, officers found the victim in the alley lying on the ground suffering from a gunshot wound to the body. The victim was pronounced deceased on the scene by Birmingham Fire and Rescue.

Upon further investigation, detectives learned the shooting stemmed from allegations that the victim sexually assaulted his girlfriend's 13 year old daughter. Apparently, the daughter told some family members and they retaliated. It is believed the individual responsible is a family member of the 13 year old. No one has been taken into custody at this time.

"It is our recommendation that family members do not take justice into their own hands but allow the police to do what they are trained to do. Street justice is never the answer."

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.