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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Monday, August 7, 2017 in the 600 block of 3rd Avenue West (The Palace Gentlemen's Club).

The victim has been identified as:
Gerald Bailey, B/M, 23 of Birmingham

On Sunday, August 7, 2017 around 3:30 am, officers from the North Precinct responded to listed location on a male shot. Officers found the victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to the body. The victim was transported to UAB Hospital where he later died from his injuries.

Detectives learned the victim was inside of the club and asked an unknown black male to use his lighter. Apparently, the victim did not immediately return the lighter and an argument ensued. Both parties were put out the club by security and the victim went to his vehicle which was parked across the street. As the victim was going to his car an unknown vehicle drove by and began shooting at the victim striking him several times. Witnesses also stated the victim and suspect had got into an argument earlier at another location.

"We hope this young man did not lose his life over a lighter. We are confident, the shooter will be located".

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.