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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Thursday, February 22th in the 800 block of 4th Avenue West.

Victim: Eric Anthony Roney
Black Male 51 years of age
From Birmingham

Suspect(s): Unknown

On Friday, February 22, 2018, at about 7:55 p.m., officers from the West Precinct were dispatched to the 800 block of 4th Avenue West on the report of an individual being shot. Upon arrival the officers discovered the victim with an apparent gunshot wound. The victim was transported to UAB Hospital by Birmingham Fire and Rescue where he was pronounced deceased.

During the course of the investigation it was determined that an unknown number of suspects were involved in a shootout. During this time Mr. Roney was shot while exiting his vehicle near his residence.

"I am saddened to hear about another senseless killing in our city. My condolences go out to Eric Roney's loved ones as our police department continues to investigate his death and find those responsible.

Mr. Roney was getting out of his car when a stray bullet struck and killed him. His death should not have happened. As I stated last week, I remain committed to working with the Birmingham Police Department, all city departments and the community to help reduce crime, especially violent crime, in Birmingham."-Birmingham Mayor Randall L. Woodfin

“Our condolences go out to the family of Mr. Roney. Unfortunately, this is another example of how violence has a grip on the innocent people of this city. As a part of Operation Step Up more officers will be hitting the streets to address issues such as this.”-Birmingham Police Chief Orlando Wilson

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.