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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Wednesday, March 28th in the 1800 block of Francis Avenue.

Victim: Richard Roberts  
Black Male  
23 Years of Age  
Of Adamsville

Suspect: Unknown

On Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 8:24 pm, officers from the West Precinct were dispatched to the 1800 block of Francis Avenue on the report of a person being shot. Upon arrival officers found the victim, suffering from a gunshot wound, laying on the ground between two houses. The victim was transported by Birmingham Fire and Rescue to UAB Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

During the course of the investigation it was discovered the victim was working on a vehicle parked in the street when another vehicle drove by and started shooting. The victim attempted to flee from the shooter but was unable to do so.

**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.**