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Homicide Investigation Update

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives have obtained a warrant in connection with a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Monday April 1, 2019 at approximately 9:21 p.m.

Officers from the North Precinct responded to the 1200 block of 12th Street North on a report of multiple people shot. Officers arrived and found three victims suffering from gunshot wounds. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and transported two of the victims to UAB Hospital for treatment. One of the transported victims is a juvenile and sustained critical injuries. The third victim was pronounced deceased on the scene. Investigators learned that the altercation began while several subjects were gambling at the location

The deceased victim has been identified as:

Durand Witherspoon, B/M, 22, of Birmingham, Alabama.

The suspect has been identified as:

Tarek Owens, B/M, 31, of Birmingham, Alabama. A **Murder** warrant has been obtained against the suspect. The suspect is in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail.

A mugshot of the suspect is attached.

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