



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Release No. 51

Friday, March 6, 2020, 3:45 p.m., CDT

*Sergeant Rodarius Mauldin
Public Information Officer
(205) 254-1708 - Office*

Homicide Investigation Update

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The deceased was discovered on Monday, March 2, 2020 at approximately 1:14 a.m.

The victim has been identified as Shontez Rhodes (36), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Officers from the West Precinct responded to a shot spotter call and citizens' complaints of gunfire at Valley Road and Court I. Upon arrival officers discovered the victim laying on the ground outside of his vehicle unresponsive suffering from a gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue along with Jefferson County Coroner arrived and pronounced the victim deceased on the scene.

The preliminary investigation suggest the victim was having car trouble and exited his vehicle. The suspect drove up alongside the victim in a black SUV and a brief exchange of words occurred before the suspect opened fire shooting the victim.

There are no suspect(s) in custody. A motive has not been established in this homicide investigation. This is an ongoing investigation and additional details will be provided as they come available.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to this homicide, please contact the BPD Robbery/Homicide Unit @ [205-254-1764](tel:205-254-1764) or Crime Stoppers @ [205-254-7777](tel:205-254-7777).

This is Birmingham's 13th homicide investigation of 2020 and 4 justifiable death investigations. [The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States.](#)

FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations into the total homicide investigations counts.

###