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## **Homicide Investigation Update**

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The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have identified the victim and made an arrest in connection to this homicide. The incident occurred on Saturday May 16, 2020.

**The victim has been identified as Quavion Blair, (20), B/M, transient.**

At approximately 3:00 a.m., Officer from the North precinct responded to a call of a person stabbed at the Fire House Shelter located at 626 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave North. Upon arrival officers observed the victim in the lobby area with multiple lacerations and punctures wounds unresponsive. Birmingham Fire and Rescue as well as Jefferson County Coroner responded and pronounced the victim deceased on scene.

The preliminary investigation suggest the victim was stabbed multiple times by another resident of the Fire House Shelter. Shortly after a suspect was taken into custody at the Max Bus Station. The suspect was transported to the hospital for medical treatment and will be transported to Birmingham Police Department Headquarters for questioning. Thus far, detectives have not established a motive in this homicide.

The suspect has been identified as  
**Eugene Pettaway, (31), B/M, transient**

BPD Homicide Investigators presented the evidence information on the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office for review. Following the assessment, a **Murder** warrant was obtained against the suspect with a **\$250,000 bond**. The defendant will be transported to the Jefferson County Jail upon release from the hospital.

**This is Birmingham's 38<sup>th</sup> homicide investigation of 2020 and 5 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.***

*\*The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed\*\**

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