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Reclassification Homicide Ruled Justifiable

See Original Media Release 118 Below

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives have received a ruling from the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office in connection with the homicide investigation of Reginald Martin.

Investigators presented the information gathered on the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's office for review. Following the assessment of the information, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office ruled the actions of the subject involved were **justified** as defense. This investigation is reclassified as **Justified Death. There will be no criminal charges to follow.**

The Birmingham Police Department has had 43 homicides thus far in 2020 with 8 justifiable death investigations and 1 non-criminal homicide. [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.](#)

Homicide Investigation

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The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Sunday, June 7, 2020.

The victim's has been identified as Reginald Martin, (24), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., Officers from the South Precinct responded to 800 47th Street North on a call of a person shot. Upon arrival officers discovered the victim lying in the front doorway suffering from a gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased on the scene.

The preliminary investigation suggest the victim and the suspect was engaged in a verbal altercation prior to the suspect shooting the victim. There is one suspect in custody however the investigation is ongoing. Additional information will be released as it comes available.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777.

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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