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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

The victim has been identified as Rashion Cook (41), B/M, of Birmingham, AL.

At approximately 5:45 p.m., West Precinct officers responded to the 1600 block of Maple Ave on a call of person shot. Upon arrival officers discovered the victim lying in the roadway unresponsive suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggest an unknown vehicle drove up to the location and fired shots fatally wounding the victim. Detectives have not established a motive in this investigation. There are no suspects in custody. This is an ongoing investigation.

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.

This is Birmingham's 48th homicide investigation of 2020 and 8 justifiable death investigations and 1 non-criminal homicide (accidental shooting). *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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