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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

**The victim has been identified as Bernice Taylor, (64), B/F, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At approximately 12:00 a.m., North Precinct Officers responded to a call of a person shot inside an apartment located in the 1400 block of 24<sup>TH</sup> Street North. Upon arrival, officers were notified by a family member that the victim was wounded and unresponsive. Officers discovered the victim lying in the kitchen unresponsive, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue and the Jefferson County Coroner responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests multiple shots were fired in the parking lot outside of the apartment. The victim was in her kitchen when she was struck by a stray bullet that proves to be fatal. No arrest has been made in this investigation. This is an ongoing investigation. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

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

**This is Birmingham's 52<sup>nd</sup> 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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