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## **Homicide Investigation Update**

The Birmingham Police Department reports an arrest has been made in the connection to the homicide of Joe Albert Foster IV. The victim was murdered on Tues, July 2020, at the Villas at Westridge Apartment Complex located in the 2300 Block of Court R.

**The suspect has been identified as:**

**Myles Cordell Amerson, (21), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

BPD Detectives presented information gathered on the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. After an assessment of the case detectives obtained a Murder warrant for Myles Cordell Amerson. Amerson has been arrested and will be held in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with a \$60,000 bond.

See attach mugshot photo.

## **Homicide Investigation**

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The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

**The victim has been identified as Joe Albert Foster IV, (21), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At approximately 12:21 a.m., West Precinct Officers responded to a shots fired call in the

2300 block of Court R at the Villas at Westridge Apartment Complex. Officers arrived and was notified by a resident of gunfire heard from an adjacent apartment. Upon further investigation, officers observed through a window a person lying on the floor. After gaining entry, officers discovered the victim unresponsive suffering from a gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue along with Jefferson County Coroner responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

Details are limited in this investigation. There are no suspects in custody and Detectives have not developed a motive. Updates will be provided as details come 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.**

**This is Birmingham's 58<sup>TH</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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