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Homicide Investigation Update (2)

The Birmingham Police Department reports an additional arrest has been made in the murder of **Devonta Reddick**. Reddick was murdered on February 6, 2020.

The second suspect has been identified as:

Cameron Dejuan Blanding, (28), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

BPD Detectives presented information on the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office for review. After an assessment of the case, BPD Detectives obtained a **Capital Murder** and **Attempted Murder** warrant for Cameron Dejuan Blanding. The suspect was apprehended by the US Marshals on November 4, 2020. The suspect will be held in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with **no bond**.

Melvin Morris was previously arrested and charged with Capital Murder and Attempted Murder in August and is still in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with no bond.

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.

Homicide Investigation Update

See Media Release 20 below for details

The Birmingham Police Department reports an arrest has been made in connection to the homicide of **Devonta Reddick**. Reddick was murdered on February 6, 2020.

The suspect has been identified as:

Melvin Charles Morris, (41), B/M, of Montgomery, Alabama.

On July 31, 2020, BPD Detectives presented information on the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office for review. After an assessment of the case, BPD Detectives obtained a **Capital Murder** and **Attempted Murder** warrant for Morris' arrest. Morris was apprehended in Nashville Tennessee by the US Marshalls and extradited back to Birmingham, Alabama. Morris will be held in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with **no bond**.

See attached mugshot

Homicide Investigation

Media Release 29

The Birmingham Police Department reports that the victim has been identified in connection with a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Thursday, February 6, 2020, at approximately 6:30 a.m.

The victim has been identified as:

Devonta Reddick, B/M, 27, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Officers from the East Precinct responded to a call of a person shot at 1148 Dogwood Lane. Upon arrival officers located the victim lying in the front yard unresponsive and suffering from a gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue reported to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased. Officers located a second victim that was transported from the scene to UAB Hospital for treatment of a life threatening gunshot wound.

Currently information is very limited in this investigation. There are no suspect(s) in custody. 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 or Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777.

This is Birmingham's 9th homicide investigation of 2020 and 2 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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