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Homicide Investigation Update

The Birmingham Police Department reports the Jefferson County Coroner has identified the victim of a homicide that occurred on Thursday, December 10, 2020. An arrest has been made in this investigation.

The victim has been identified as Maxim Voronetsky, (34), w/m, transient.

On December 10, 2020 the suspect was taken into custody. Detectives presented the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office for review. After an assessment of the information, detectives obtained a murder warrant for the suspect. The suspect will be held in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

**The suspect has been identified as:
Jason Adams, 41, w/m, transient**

See attached MugShot Photo.

Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are currently conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Thursday, December 10, 2020.

The victim's identity will be released upon proper identification and notification of next of kin.

At approximately 3:20 p.m., the 911 Communications Division received a call of smoke emitting from an abandoned building located at 816 2nd Ave North. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded and extinguished a small fire inside the building. After the fire was extinguished, Birmingham Fire and Rescue discovered the victim's body.

The preliminary investigation findings are indicative of a homicide. Detectives believe an altercation occurred prior to the victim being fatally wounded, decapitated, and set on fire. The Birmingham Police Department does have a person of interest in custody. Updates will be provided as this case develops.

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

This is homicide 101 of 2020 with 13 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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