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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on January 18, 2021 in the 1400 block of Bankhead Highway.

The victim has been identified as Kenneth Buford, (47), b/m, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 12:22 p.m. officers from the West Precinct responded to the location on a call of a vehicle stalled in traffic with an unresponsive male inside. Officers arrived to find the victim, Kenneth Buford who sustained multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to UAB Hospital by Birmingham Fire and Rescue. The victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

The preliminary investigation indicates the Buford was traveling on Bankhead Highway when someone in another vehicle fired shots into a vehicle driven by Buford. It is believed the victim was targeted. There are no suspects in custody. Detectives have not established a motive in this investigation.

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). Updates will be provided as the case develops.

This is Birmingham's 7th murder of 2021. [The Birmingham Police Department](#)

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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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