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## **Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Update**

The Birmingham Police Department reports that the suspect wounded during an officer involved shooting that occurred on Sunday, April 4, 2021 was pronounced deceased at UAB Hospital.

The Jefferson County Coroner's Office has identified the deceased suspect as:

**Desmon Montez Ray, (28), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

The Alabama State Bureau of Investigations will take the lead in this Officer Involved Shooting Investigation. Additional information will be provided as it comes available.

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## **Officer Involved Shooting**

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At approximately 10:50 p.m., The Birmingham 911 Communication Division received a call from a third party stating that two individuals were involved in a domestic disturbance inside of a vehicle which was travelling in North Birmingham. 911 dispatchers were able to obtain a location and description of the vehicle and provided both to officers via police radio.

North Precinct officers observed the vehicle in the 300 block of 9th Avenue West. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle; the driver of the vehicle refused to stop. The vehicle then came to a rest in the 200 block of 9th Avenue West after colliding into a fence.

The driver then exited the vehicle and confronted officers with a firearm. An officer fired their weapon subsequently striking the suspect. Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel were dispatched to the scene and transported the suspect to UAB Hospital with life-threatening injuries.

**A handgun was recovered on scene.**

**The Alabama State Bureau of Investigation will be the lead investigative agency.**

***\*\*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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