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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on early Saturday morning April 10, 2021.

The victim has been identified as Rodriguez Valides Holt, (44), b/m, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At 3:52 a.m., Birmingham Police Officers responded to a residence located at 2722 Avenue J Ensley on a call of a person shot. Officers arrived and discovered the victim laying in the middle of the floor unresponsive suffering from a gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation indicates the victim along with several others were at the location partying. The victim was involved in a verbal exchange with the suspect prior to a physical altercation occurring. The suspect shot the victim and fled the location prior to officers arrival. During this investigation, detectives discovered this residence was being used as an "illegal shot house" involved in the illegal sale of alcohol and other illegal activities. The Birmingham Police Department's Homicide Division along with The Vice/Narcotics Division will be conducting a joint investigation. Multiple individuals are being questioned, however the suspect of this homicide is at large.

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. Updates will be provided as information comes available.

This is Birmingham's 29th murder investigation of 2021 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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