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Arrest Made in Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports an arrest has been made in the murder of Eric Tyler Sledge Jr. Sledge was murdered on Sunday, May 2, 2021 in the 1100 block of 20th Street South.

The suspect has been identified as:

Larry Denzel Rollins, b/m, (28), of Birmingham, Alabama.



Detectives presented the information to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office for review. After an assessment of the information, detectives obtained a warrant for **Murder (\$100,000 bond)** for the arrest of Larry Denzel Rollins. Rollins was taken into custody and is currently being held in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail.

Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

The victim has been identified as:

Eric Tyler Sledge Jr., (27), B/M, of Hoover, Alabama.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., South Precinct officers were dispatched to the 1100 block of 20th Street South on report of a person shot. Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim lying unresponsive in the middle of the roadway suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel transported the victim to UAB Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim was walking with a group of individuals who had just been involved in a physical altercation in the area when an unknown suspect fired shots at the victim ultimately striking him. The motive in this incident is still unclear.

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 Birmingham's 33rd homicide investigation of 2021 with 3 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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