



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Reclassification of Justifiable Homicide**

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have received a ruling in connection to the homicide investigation of Tavarius Hampton. The incident occurred on Monday, May 17, 2021.

Investigators presented the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's office for review. Following the assessment, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office ruled the actions justifiable. This investigation is reclassified as a Justified Death Investigation.

**Birmingham's has 43 murder investigations of 2021 and 4 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.**

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## **Homicide Investigation Update**

The Birmingham Police Department reports the deceased has been identified in a homicide that occurred on Monday, May 17, 2021. The incident occurred at a residence in the 7700 block of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave South.

The deceased has been identified as Tavarious Hampton, (25), b/m, of Birmingham, Alabama.

This was Birmingham's 43rd 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.

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## Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Monday, May 17, 2021 at a residence in the 7700 block of 6th Avenue South.

**The victim will be identified upon notification of next of kin.**

Just before 12:30 p.m., Birmingham Police Officers responded to the location on a call of a person shot. Officers arrived and observed an adult male on the ground suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Officers also observed multiple weapons in the street. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and transported the victim to UAB Hospital where he succumb to his injuries.

The preliminary investigation suggest the deceased subject was observed leaving a bag on the porch of the residence when he was approached by the occupants of the residence. It is reported both men approached the subject and gunfire was exchanged fatally wounding the subject. Both suspects were detained and questioned by detectives.

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.****

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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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