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Homicide Investigation Update

The Birmingham Police Department reports the Jefferson County Coroner's Office has identified the victim of a homicide that occurred on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

The victims have been identified as:

Joseph Demetrice Robinson, (25), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.
Rikki Dunri Christopher Bynum, (27), B/M of Birmingham, Alabama.

The preliminary investigation suggests the suspect fired upon the victims while they were in the parking lot of Circle K (232 Roebuck Plaza Drive). The suspect then fled on foot. A community member provided a suspect description to patrol officers which helped lead to the capture of the suspect in the 9100 block of Parkway East.

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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Double Homicide Investigation *(Media Release 142)*

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a double homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

The victims will be identified upon notification to the next of kin.

At approximately 9:00 p.m., an East Precinct officer was travelling in the 200 block of Roebuck Plaza Drive when he heard gunshots being fired in the parking lot of 232 Roebuck Plaza Drive (Circle K). Officers then responded to the parking lot where they observed three male victims, near a parked vehicle, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel pronounced two of the males deceased on the scene. The third male victim was transported to a local area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

A community member at the service station provided a detailed description of the shooter to officers on the scene. Based on the community member coming forward, patrol officers were able to take a person of interest into custody at 9170 Parkway East (Pizza Hut). The person of interest will be questioned by Homicide Division detectives. The motive appears to be unclear in this double homicide.

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 46th homicide investigation of 2021 with 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.

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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