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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Saturday, June 19, 2021.

The deceased has been identified:

Josiah Bryant, (22), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 7:45 a.m., West Precinct officers were dispatched to 543 Tuscaloosa Avenue (Hatcher's Auto Transmission's Center) on report of a person shot. Officers arrived on the scene and observed a male, later identified as Josiah Bryant, lying unresponsive inside of the business suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced Josiah Bryant deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests the deceased was in the process of robbing an employee of the business when shots were exchanged between the deceased and the employee. The deceased was struck by gunfire.

A handgun was recovered on the scene near the deceased.

The employee of the business was fully cooperative with detectives. BPD detectives will present this case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office who will issue a ruling on this incident.

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**.

Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers through the Birmingham Police Department's Mobile App. Simply download the app and submit a tip. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

This is Birmingham's **53rd** murder 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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