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Child Death Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a death investigation. The incident occurred on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

The victim has been identified as Raylee Allen (11 months), b/f, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 3:49 p.m., the Birmingham 911 Communication Division received a call of a domestic disturbance and person shot at an apartment complex located at 1800 Carson Road. An officer from East Precinct responded to the location and was met by the mother holding an unresponsive infant. It was determined the child sustained a gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and the child was pronounced deceased.

Details are limited in this investigation. It is not immediately clear how the child sustained the gunshot wound. The mother and father are being questioned by investigators. At this time, no formal charges have been filed. This is an ongoing investigation. It has been confirmed the mother of Raylee Allen is a Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy. 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. Tips can also be submitted anonymously via the Birmingham Police Department's App which can be downloaded at the IOS and Google Play store. All tips are routed directly to Crime Stoppers.

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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