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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 **Marcus Leroy Williams, 23, B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama**. The incident occurred on Tuesday, August 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 has conducted 64 murder investigations of 2021 and 11 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 is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

The victim has been identified as:

Marcus Leroy Williams, 23, B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 1:30 a.m., North Precinct officers were dispatched to 2549 7th Avenue North on report of a person of a person shot. Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim lying unresponsive in the roadway suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and transported the victim to UAB Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim was walking in the area fully nude. He reportedly approached a motorist who was sitting inside of their disabled vehicle awaiting assistance, the victim then opened the motorist's car door when the motorist shot him.

The motorist remained on the scene. The motorist was transported to the Birmingham Police Headquarters, where Homicide detectives questioned the motorist.

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 on Android or IOS devices. Updates will be provided as information comes available.

This is Birmingham's 66th murder investigation of 2021 with 7 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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