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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 in the 600 block of 2nd Avenue South.

The victim has been identified as Earnest Porter Smith, (35), b/m of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 6:36 p.m., officers from East Precinct responded to a call of a person down at the location. Officers arrived on scene and observed the Earnest Smith lying unresponsive on the side walk suffering from several lacerations and puncture wounds. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation indicate the victim was involved in an altercation with the suspect before being stabbed multiple times. A person of interest has been taken into custody for further questioning in connection to this homicide. Updates will be provided as this case develops.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ [205-254-1764](tel:205-254-1764) or Crime Stoppers @ [205-254-7777](tel:205-254-7777).

This is Birmingham's 66th murder investigation 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.

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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