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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, at the Smart Food Mart located at 900 20<sup>th</sup> Street Ensley.

**The victim has been identified as Kevin Devose (47), b/m of Birmingham, Alabama.**

Just before 10:00 p.m., officers from West Precinct responded to a call of a person shot inside of the convenient store. Upon arrival, officers observed the victim Kevin Devose laying on the floor in the aisle suffering from a single gunshot to the head. Birmingham Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation indicates the victim was involved in a verbal altercation with the suspect inside the store before being fatally wounded. The suspect fled from the store on foot running northbound on Avenue I. No arrest has been made in this investigation.

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 67th 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](#)**

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*\*\*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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