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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Thursday**, **September 16**, **2021**.

The victim has been identified as: Christopher Diltz, (33),B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 5:00 a.m., South Precinct officers along with Birmingham Fire and Rescue (BFRS) personnel were dispatched to 4512 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North on report of a house fire. BFRS extinguished the flames and discovered the victim deceased inside of the residence.

The Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy on the victim and it was discovered the victim suffered several stab wounds which the Medical Examiner's Office believes caused his death.

The details surrounded this homicide and fire are limited.

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 79th murder investigation of 2021 with 12 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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