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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

The victim has been identified as:

Roderick Tavares Chester, Jr., (24), B/M, of Midfield, Alabama.

At approximately 11:13 a.m., East Precinct officers were dispatched to the 6700 block of Kimberly Avenue on report of a person shot. Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim seated in the passenger seat of a vehicle 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 shooting may have stemmed from an argument that turned violent.

Within minutes of the shooting officers from the Birmingham Police Department's Real Time Crime Center identified a person of interest in this homicide. The investigation is ongoing pending the filing of formal charges. The suspect has not been taken into custody.

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).

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 83rd 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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