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## **Double Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Friday; November 12, 2021 at the Serenity Apartments at Valley Creek located in the 1100 block of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street SW.

**The victims have been identified as:**

**Anthony Murray, (22), b/m, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

**Ronald Deshawn Smith Jr., (24), b/m, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At approximately 6:30 p.m., officers from the West Precinct responded to a ShotSpotter call of over 30 rounds fired. Upon arrival officers encountered two adult males who were outside of a vehicle wounded by gunfire. Both males were transported to UAB Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Upon further investigation officers found two males in the backseat of a vehicle unresponsive suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Both victims were pronounced deceased on scene by Birmingham Fire and Rescue.

Details are limited in this investigation. No arrest has been made. 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**.

**This is Birmingham's 92<sup>nd</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> 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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