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Arrest Made in Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained a warrant for an arrest in connection to the murder of Donnika Sills which occurred on **Sunday, November 28, 2021**, in the 100 block of 3rd Avenue North.

The suspect has been identified as:

Kaylin Landon Sparks, (20), B/F, of Birmingham, Alabama.

On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, Birmingham Police Detectives presented information on the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. After an assessment of the information, detectives obtained a warrant for **Capital Murder (no bond)**.

On Wednesday, December 1, 2021, Kaylin Sparks turned herself in at the Birmingham Police Headquarters. She was transported to the Jefferson County Jail where she is now in the custody of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

Please see the attached photo of Kaylin Sparks

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Homicide Investigation *(Media Release 283)*

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Sunday, November 28, 2021.

The victim has been identified as:
Donnika Renee Sills, (30), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 3:30 a.m., North Precinct officers responded to the 100 block of 3rd Avenue North after hearing gunshots fired. Shot Spotter also alerted officers that over 10 rounds were fired in the area. Officers arrived on the scene and discovered the victim lying unresponsive on the ground near the roadway suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests the shooting may have stemmed from a verbal argument that transpired earlier between the victim and an unknown suspect(s). Currently, there is no one in custody.

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 97th murder investigation of 2021 with 13 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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