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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Friday, December 3, 2021.

The victim has been identified as:

Dewayne Lenard Barnes, (28), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 3:00 a.m., West Precinct officers were in the area of the 4100 of Avenue M when they heard gunshots being fired. Shot Spotter alerts also were activated and were sent to the Birmingham 911 Communications Division.

Officers drove around in the area; they observed the victim lying unresponsive in the roadway suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

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

Details are limited in this investigation.

The incident occurred in a heavily residential area. We are asking if anyone has surveillance footage from the incident or 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 100th 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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