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Juvenile Death Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a death investigation involving a juvenile. The incident occurred on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

The victim has been identified as:

Jeremiah Pruitt, 13, B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Shortly, after 9 p.m., West Precinct officers responded to the 1500 block of 51st Street Ensley on report of a person shot. Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim lying unresponsive in the front yard of a residence.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and transported the victim to Children's Hospital; later the victim succumbed to his injuries.

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim suffered a gunshot wound injury while at a private residence. At this time, the investigation surrounding this incident has led to this case being deemed accidental. There are no additional details available from BPD.

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.

****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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