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**Arrest Made in Double Homicide Investigation**

**UPDATE**

The Birmingham Police Department reports an arrest has been made in a double homicide investigation of brothers, Courtney Woods, and Lorenzo Woods. Both were murdered on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.



The suspect has been identified as

**Jakobie Deontay Smith, (19), of Birmingham, Alabama.**

Detectives obtained a warrant with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office on two counts of **Capital Murder**. The defendant Jakobie Smith was arrested and will be held in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with **no bond**.

This investigation is ongoing. Detectives are pursuing additional suspects in this investigation.

The Birmingham Police Department would like to thank the community for providing vital information that aids in the apprehension of violent offenders.

**If there is anyone who has additional information pertaining to the case that will aid in this investigation, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ [205-254-1764](tel:205-254-1764)**

or Crime Stoppers @ **205-254-7777**. Anonymous tips can also be submitted to the Birmingham Police Department Smartphone App.

## **Double Homicide Investigation**

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The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a double homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

The victims have been identified as:

Lorenzo Woods, (23), b/m, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Courtney Woods, (22), b/m, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Just before 3:00 p.m., officers from the East Precinct responded to the 3800 block of Eastlake Blvd on a call of a person shot. Officers arrived and located one of the victims laying on the ground just outside of the Shell Gas Station. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. While canvassing the area, officers found a second victim, laying unresponsive in some bushes nearby. He was pronounced deceased on scene by Birmingham Fire and Rescue.

The preliminary investigation suggests an exchange of gunfire occurred between multiple subjects. Both subjects found by officers ran before collapsing due to their injuries. According to witness accounts, the suspect fled in a dark colored sedan. No arrest has been made. Updates will be provided as this case develops.

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This is Birmingham's 108<sup>th</sup> and 109<sup>th</sup> murder investigation of 2021 with 14 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.

*\*\*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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**This is Birmingham's 8th murder investigation of 2022.**

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