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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 Tamaiya Morton who was killed on March 7, 2022 in the 900 block of 46th Place North.

The suspect has been identified as:

Raven Thompson, (24), B/F, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Shortly after 6 p.m., South Precinct officers were dispatched to the 900 block of 46th Place North (Rev. Dr. Morrell Todd Homes) on report of a person shot. Also, Shot Spotter alerted officers that several shots were fired in the area.

Officers arrived on the scene where they observed a white SUV which had collided into a utility pole. Officers observed the victim in the driver's seat of the vehicle suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

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

The preliminary investigation suggests shortly after patrol officers arrived on the scene, officers from the Birmingham Police Department's Real Time Crime Center alerted patrol officers to the whereabouts of a person of interest in the shooting.

Officers went to a nearby apartment and made contact with the person of interest. Patrol officers took the suspect into custody.

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**.

Raven Thompson is currently in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail where she will be held with **No Bond**.

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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Monday, March 7, 2022.

The victim has been identified as:

Tamaiya Morton, (26), B/F, of Birmingham, Alabama.

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The preliminary investigation suggests shortly after patrol officers arrived on the scene, officers from the Birmingham Police Department's Real Time Crime Center alerted patrol officers to the whereabouts of a person of interest in the shooting.

Officers went to a nearby apartment and made contact with the person of interest. Patrol officers took an adult female into custody.

The person of interest was questioned by BPD Homicide detectives; BPD detectives will present the case information to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office.

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 26th murder investigation of 2022 including 2 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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