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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 Daniel Cook. Mr. Cook was found deceased on Sunday, April 10, 2022.

The suspect has been identified as:

Joseph Edwards, (42), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Patrol officers and detectives developed a person of interest; Birmingham Police Homicide detectives took a person of interest into custody in the 1800 block of 3rd Street Southwest. The person of interest will be interviewed by detectives where charges will be pursued. The motive in this case appears to be domestic in nature. On the initial scene, our officers were told the suspect is the brother-in-law of the victim,

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 **Murder (\$1,500,000 Bond)**.

Joseph Edwards is in the custody of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

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Homicide Investigation

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The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Sunday, April 10, 2022.

The victim has been identified as:
Daniel Cook, (48), W/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 10:50 a.m., West Precinct officers were dispatched to 900 10th Street Southwest on report of a person shot. Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim lying unresponsive inside of the residence 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 victim's family members came to the location after they hadn't heard from him; they forced entry into the residence when they observed him suffering from a gunshot wound.

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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 34th murder investigation of 2022 including 3 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***