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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Monday, May 16, 2022.

The victim has been identified as Dwaine Thomas, (17), b/m, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Just before 6:00 p.m. an officer from the West Precinct was responding to a call when an physical altercation was observed in the parking lot of 1228 Tuscaloosa Avenue South West. As the officer entered the parking lot, the suspect retrieved a firearm from a vehicle and shot the victim Dwain Thomas. A pursuit ensued as the suspect fled the scene in a small blue sedan. The suspect was able to elude apprehension. Dwain Thomas was pronounced deceased on the scene by Birmingham Fire and Rescue.

The preliminary investigation indicate the the victim was involved in a physical altercation with the suspect as onlookers stood by and recorded the altercation. The suspect is currently at large. Updates will be provided as this case develops.

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.

This is Birmingham's 47th murder investigation of 2022 with 5 justifiable death investigation.

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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