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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

The victim has been identified as:

**Derrell Lamont Willis, (20), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At approximately 7:00 PM, East Precinct officers were dispatched to the 7500 Block of 66<sup>th</sup> Street South on report of a Shot Spotter alert. While officers were en route, the call was updated to a person shot.

Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim lying unresponsive in an alleyway in the 7500 Block of 67<sup>th</sup> Courtway South. Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and transported the victim to UAB Hospital with life-threatening injuries. UAB Hospital Staff pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim and an adult male got into a verbal argument that led to the suspect firing shots at the victim.

While on the scene, East Precinct Task Force officers gained information on the suspect's whereabouts. East Precinct Task Force officers surrounded an apartment in the 6700 Kimberly Avenue. They observed the suspect attempting to enter a vehicle and flee the scene. East Precinct Task Force Officers took the suspect into custody free of any incident.

The suspect will be transported to BPD Headquarters where Homicide detectives will question him.

**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 91<sup>st</sup> murder investigation of 2022 including 6 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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