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Double Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a double homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

The victims have been identified as:

- 1. Rodriquez Jerrell Powell, (32), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**
- 2. Justin Jarell Taylor, (35), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At approximately 1:45 PM, East Precinct officers were dispatched to the 4200 Block of Inglenook Street on report of shots fired. The call was then updated to two people shot.

Officers arrived on the scene and observed both victims unresponsive inside of a vehicle suffering from gunshot wounds. Mr. Taylor was in the driver's seat of the vehicle with Mr. Powell in the front passenger's seat.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue (BFR) personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced Mr. Powell deceased. BFR transported Mr. Taylor to UAB Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests a vehicle drove past the victims and an occupant fired shots at the victim. Officers observed over twenty spent shell casings on the ground.

Currently, there is no one in custody.

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 **93rd** & **94th** 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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