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## **Justifiable Death Ruling**

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have received a ruling in connection to the homicide investigation of Adarius Peterson. The incident occurred on Thursday, September 29, 2022.

Investigators presented the information gathered to the Jefferson County District Attorney's office for review. Following the assessment, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office ruled the actions justifiable. **This investigation is reclassified as a Justified Death Investigation.**

**The Birmingham Police Department has 106 murders thus far in 2022 including 7 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.**

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# Homicide Investigation

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The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Thursday, September 29, 2022.

The victim has been identified as:

**Adarius Jamar Peterson (29), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At approximately 4:00 PM, Birmingham 9-1-1 received call regarding a person shot in the 2600 Block of 5th Ave S. Upon arrival, officers discovered the victim in the parking lot suffering from a gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service arrived to the scene where they pronounced the victim deceased on the scene.

Preliminary investigation reveals that the victim was involved in a verbal altercation which escalated with a tow truck driver which led to the shooting incident.

An adult suspect was taken into 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 105th murder investigation of 2022 including 6 justifiable death investigations.**

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