



# For Immediate Release

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## **Arrest in the Audriana Pearson Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained warrants for arrests in connection to the murder of Audriana Pearson. Pearson was shot and killed on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, in the 500 block of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW.

The suspects have been identified as:

**Ja'Von Eric Wilson (19), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

**Jarei Lamar Vance (18), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

On Wednesday, December 21, 2022, Birmingham Police officers and detectives were able to identify a suspect vehicle through investigative leads and the use of the Real Time Crime Center. A vehicle pursuit spanned several miles before coming to stop at Avenue V and 18<sup>th</sup> Street Ensley. Three individuals were taken into custody without incident and placed on an investigative hold. The vehicle used in the pursuit had been stolen from another jurisdiction. Birmingham Police Detectives presented information on the case to Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. After an assessment of the information, detectives obtained warrants for **Capital Murder** for both Wilson and Vance. Detectives also obtained a warrant for Receiving Stolen Property 1<sup>st</sup> Degree for Wilson.

Both are in the custody of Jefferson County Jail **without bond.**

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Homicide Investigation  
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The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

The victim will be identified upon notification to the next of kin.

At 1:53 am Birmingham 9-1-1 received a call that a person had been shot in the 500 block of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW.

Upon arrival East Precinct officers observed a 12-year-old girl suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue arrived at the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

Currently there are no suspects in custody.

We desperately want to bring those responsible for this murder to justice. We urge anyone who has information to call Crime Stoppers (205-254-7777) where they can remain anonymous if they would like and receive a reward. If anyone wishes to speak directly with a detective, they may call our homicide unit (205-254-1764).

The inability to control one's anger and have peaceful conflict management continues to plague our city. Families are left hurting, angry, and suffering at the hands of others and we are tired of our communities being ravaged by senseless murder. No family deserves to face the murder of a loved one; especially when the victim is a child who should have had many more years ahead to learn and grow,

Children deserve to be safe at home with their families and enjoying the holiday season. They do not deserve to be gunned down while at home where they expect comfort and safety. Detectives will work to gather any information they can however our best work is when we work together to bring those to justice who harm our children.

**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.**

**These are Birmingham's 129<sup>th</sup> murder investigation of 2022 with 10 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 in 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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