



# For Immediate Release

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## **Arrest Made in the Charles Smith, Jr. Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained warrants for arrests in connection to the murder of Charles Edward Smith, Jr. Smith was shot and killed on Monday, December 26, 2022, in the 2700 block of Jefferson Avenue SW.

The suspect has been identified as:

**Alphonso David Lockhart III (21), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

Around 10:00 am on Monday, December 26, 2022, Lockhart was taken into custody and placed on an investigative hold at the Birmingham City Jail. Birmingham Police Detectives gathered information and presented to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. After an assessment of the information, detectives obtained a warrant for **Murder** with a bond of **\$1,500,000** and **two warrants for Attempt Murder** with bonds of **\$60,000 each**. Lockhart is currently in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail.

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Homicide Investigation  
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The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Monday, December 26, 2022.

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

At 1:44 am West Precinct officers responded to a call for a person shot in the 2700 block of Jefferson Avenue SW. Upon arrival officers observed an adult male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service arrived at the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

Two other individuals, an adult female and a teenaged victim, had been transported from the scene by private vehicle to an area hospital suffering from non-life-threatening injuries. The injured individuals were also at the same location when the adult male was killed.

Currently there are no suspects 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 133<sup>rd</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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