



# *For Immediate Release*

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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:

**Roman Gonzales, (48), H/M, of Bessemer, Alabama.**

At around 7:10 PM, West Precinct officers were dispatched to the 1400 Block of 27<sup>th</sup> Street Ensley on report of a person shot. Officers arrived on the scene when they observed an adult male lying unresponsive outside on a set of stairs.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim was part of a crew of workers who were at a residence remodeling a residence. Unknown suspects forcefully entered the residence; we believe the victim was shot during a robbery. No other workers were injured.

Currently, there is no one in custody.

**Note: In October 2022, the Birmingham Police Department became aware of a group of individuals who were robbing members of our Hispanic community at gunpoint. Detectives are working to determine those responsible for this incident and if there may be any connections to previous incidents.**

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 **6<sup>th</sup>** murder investigation of 2023 with 1 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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