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Arrest Made in the Demtrius Davis Jr. Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained a warrant for an arrest in connection to the murder of Demetrius Davis Jr.

The suspect has been identified as:

Byron Dedric Steele, (51), B/M, of Center Point, Alabama.

Birmingham Police Detectives presented information on the case to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. After an assessment of the information, detectives obtained a warrant for Capital Murder (victim shot while inside of a vehicle).

The Birmingham Police Department's Crime Reduction Team arrested Byron Steele.

Byron Steele is in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with No Bond.

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Homicide Investigation

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The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:

Demetrius Antwan Davis Jr., (25), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At around 6:00 PM, South Precinct officers were dispatched to the Circle K Gas Station (1700 Tallapoosa Street) on report of a person shot.

Officers arrived on the scene when they observed the victim lying unresponsive in the parking lot suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

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

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim was pumping gas at the location when an unknown suspect approached him and began firing shots at him. The victim was struck by gunfire; the victim returned fire before collapsing.

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 22nd murder investigation of 2023 with 2 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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