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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Tuesday, March 29, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:

Sidney Cornell Saxton, (37), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 9:40 AM, West Precinct officers were dispatched to the 500 Block of 12th Street Southwest on multiple Shot Spotter alerts. The call was updated to a Person Shot Call.

Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim lying unresponsive on the sidewalk suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

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

The preliminary investigation suggests there was a shootout in the area which led to the victim being shot. Officers recovered a firearm from the victim.

A patrol officer detained a male seen running from the scene. BPD Homicide detectives will question the male.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ [205-254-1764](tel:205-254-1764) or Crime Stoppers @ [205-254-7777](tel: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 becomes available.

This is Birmingham's 23rd 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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