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2nd Arrest Made in the Devarta Thomas Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained a warrant for a 2nd arrest in connection to the murder of Devarta Thomas. Devarta Thomas was found shot and killed on Monday, March 20, 2023, in the 300 Block of 74th Street North.

The suspect has been identified as:

Tony Howard Jones II, (32), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

On Friday, April 7, 2023, 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**.

On Thursday, April 13, 2023, the Birmingham Police Department's Crime Reduction Team took Tony Howard II into custody.

Tony Howard II is in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with **No Bond**.

NOTE: BPD Homicide detectives arrested Jamarian Carpenter on Friday, March 24, 2023; he is charged with Capital Murder in connection to the Devarta Thomas Homicide Investigation.

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Homicide Investigation

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The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Monday, March 20, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:

Devarta Dedre Thomas, (30), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At around 12:30 AM, East Precinct officers were dispatched to the 300 Block of 74th Street North on report of a person down in the roadway.

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

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

Details are limited in this investigation.

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 17th 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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