

# For Immediate Release

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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

#### The victim is a black female that has not been positively identified.

At approximately 8:15 AM, East Precinct officers were dispatched to the 8400 Block of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North on report of an abandoned vehicle. A caller noticed a Blue 4-Door sedan that had been abandoned in a field for at least one day.

Officers arrived on the scene and approached the vehicle; they observed a female unresponsive inside the vehicle.

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

The preliminary investigation suggests foul play is involved and this case is being classified as a homicide.

The Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office will perform an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

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 becomes available.

This is Birmingham's **30th** murder investigation of 2023 with **3** 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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