



# *For Immediate Release*

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## **Homicide Investigation**

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

The victim has been identified as:

**Richard Mark Carter, (56), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

Just before 2 AM, West Precinct officers were dispatched to the Food Mart, 2258 Bessemer Road, on a separate call. Officers were at the Food Mart when they observed an adult male lying in front of the store. The male requested medical attention.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue (BFR) personnel arrived on the scene and observed what they believed to be a stabbed wound on the victim.

BFR transported the victim to UAB Hospital with life-threatening injuries. UAB Hospital Staff pronounced the victim deceased.

The Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office performed an autopsy on the victim; the autopsy revealed the victim was shot.

Detectives utilized Shot Spotter as a resource and discovered the victim was possibly shot at 2129 31<sup>st</sup> Street Ensley (Western Trace Apartments).

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](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 35th 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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