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Homicide Investigation

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

The victim has been identified as:

Antoine Deonta Ester, (26), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 2:25 PM, West Precinct officers were dispatched to a Person Shot call at an apartment complex in the 2600 Block of Tempest Drive Southwest.

Officers arrived on the scene and entered an apartment when they discovered the victim suffering from a gunshot wound.

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

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim got into an argument with an unknown suspect(s). The suspect(s) fired shots at the victim inside the apartment.

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 43rd 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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