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2nd Arrest Made in Kamaree Phillips Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained a warrant for a 2nd arrest in connection to the murder of Kamaree Phillips.

The suspect has been identified as:

Jorden Mekhi Watts, (18), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

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, May 11, 2023, the BPD Crime Reduction Team arrested Jordan Watts at a residence in East Precinct.

Jordan Watts is in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with **No Bond**.

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Arrest Made in the Kamaree Phillips Homicide Investigation (Media Release 93)

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained a warrant for an

arrest in connection to the murder of 17-year-old Kamaree Phillips. Kamaree Phillips was shot and killed on April 1, 2023, at the Magnolia Court apartments located at #3 Westchester Court.

The suspect has been identified as:

A 16-year-old male juvenile whose name is withheld.

On Tuesday, May 2, 2023, BPD Tactical Operations Precinct officers executed a search warrant at a residence in East Birmingham; officers took the suspect into custody.

On Wednesday, May 3, 2023, BPD Homicide 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 (Robbery)**.

Due to the suspect's age at the time of the offense and the alleged offense committed, he will be tried as an adult.

The suspect is in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with **No Bond**.

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Homicide Investigation

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The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:

Kamaree Shondale Phillips, (17), B/M, of Clay, Alabama.

At 4:10 PM, East Precinct officers were dispatched to the Magnolia Court Apartments (#3 Westchester Court) on report of a Person Shot. Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim lying outside of a vehicle suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and transported the victim to St. Vincent's East for immediate medical care. The victim was pronounced deceased by St. Vincent's Hospital Staff.

The preliminary investigation has revealed the victim was sitting inside a vehicle when he was approached by an unknown suspect.

The suspect fired shots at the victim and then fled the scene.

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 **25th** 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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