



# *For Immediate Release*

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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Friday, May 12, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:

**George Williams Jr., (63), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At approximately 3:05 PM, North Precinct officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1500 Block of 19<sup>th</sup> Street North on report of a Person Shot.

Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim lying on a front porch suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

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

The preliminary investigation suggests a friend or family member of the victim was involved in a verbal argument with a group of suspects at a separate location.

The group of suspects followed the victim's friend or family member to the 1500 Block of 19<sup>th</sup> Street North. A suspect(s) fired shots and struck the victim. The victim was sitting on the front porch, and we believe he was an innocent bystander.

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 becomes available.**

**This is Birmingham's 41st 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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