



# For Immediate Release

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## Justifiable Death Ruling

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have received a ruling in connection to the homicide investigation of Caleb Cornandus Whitt. The incident occurred on Sunday, March 26, 2023

Investigators presented the information gathered to the Jefferson County District Attorney's office for review. Following the assessment, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office ruled the actions justifiable. **This investigation is reclassified as Justified Death Investigation #4.**

The Birmingham Police Department has **50** murders thus far in 2023. 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 into the total homicide investigations counts.

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# Homicide Investigation

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

The victim has been identified as:

**Caleb Cornandus Whitt, 17, B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama**

At around 12:15 PM, the Birmingham 911 Communications Division began receiving calls of multiple Shot Spotter Alerts near the 200 Block of 3rd Avenue Southwest.

The call was updated to a person shot call in the back parking lot of the University Crossings apartment complex located in the 200 Block of 3rd Avenue Southwest. Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim lying unresponsive in the parking lot suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

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

The preliminary investigation suggests two groups were involved in a shootout near the apartment complex; we believe the victim may have been involved in the initial shootout and then dumped at the apartments.

A patrol officer observed a vehicle that may have been involved in the incident. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and detained an adult male.

Patrol officers transported the male, who was detained, to BPD Headquarters for questioning.

At the conclusion of the interview, the male was booked into the Birmingham City Jail under a 48-Hour Felony Extension.

**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 comes available.**

**This is Birmingham's [21](#) 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.**

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