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Justifiable Death Ruling

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have received a ruling in connection to the homicide investigation of Demetrius Duante Harris. The incident occurred on Thursday, June 8, 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 a Justified Death Investigation #6.**

The Birmingham Police Department has 60 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 Thursday, June 8, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:

Demetrius Duante Harris, (42), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 11:45 PM, North Precinct officers were dispatched to the 1600 Block of 18th Place North on report of a Person Shot. Officers arrived on the scene and observed Demetrius Harris unresponsive in a parking lot.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue (BFR) personnel arrived on the scene and then transported Mr. Harris to UAB Hospital with life-threatening injuries.

East Precinct officers were dispatched to a gas station in the 5100 Block of Richard Arrington Junior Boulevard North on report of a Person Shot.

Officers arrived on the scene and observed an adult male suffering from a gunshot wound. BFR personnel transported the victim to a local area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The preliminary investigation suggests Demetrius Harris was involved in an argument with the second male in the 1600 Block of 18th Place North. The two men exchanged gunfire. The reason for the argument is unknown.

Detectives will present case information to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office who will decide if criminal charges should be filed.

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 53rd murder investigation of 2023 with 4 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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