



# *For Immediate Release*

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## **Double Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a double homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

The victims have been identified as:

- 1. Deforest Chanier Kines Jr., 28, B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**
- 2. Cardarius Bryant, 30, B/M, of Fultondale, Alabama.**

At approximately 10 AM, East Precinct officers were dispatched to the 500 Block of Zinnia Lane on report of Shots Fired.

Officers arrived on the scene and then observed a vehicle that had been shot into. Upon further investigation, officers observed the two victims lying unresponsive in the vehicle suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

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

Details are limited in this investigation.

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 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> murder investigation of 2023 with 6 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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