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Arrest Made in the Jermiera Fowler and Ariel Jones Homicide Investigations

The Birmingham Police Department is pleased to announce the arrest of Demarchies Mincey, 25 years old, of Birmingham, Alabama, for the murders of Ariel Jones and Jermiera Fowler.

On **Thursday, June 1, 2023**, East Precinct officers discovered the burned body of Jermiera Fowler (*Media Release 116*) in the 1000 Block of Sellers Road. An autopsy revealed she had been shot.

Detectives began investigating the case and identified Demarchies Mincey as a suspect.

On **Monday, June 12, 2023**, detectives obtained two arrest warrants for Mincey, (**Murder and Abuse of a Corpse**).

On **Thursday, June 22, 2023**, he was arrested by the U.S. Marshals at an address in Stonecrest, Georgia. He was booked into the DeKalb County (GA) Jail for unrelated charges in Georgia and for the warrants from Jermiera Fowler's case.

While investigating Jermiera Fowler's case, detectives identified Mincey as a suspect in the April 2023 death of Ariel Jones (*Media Release 78*). Ariel Jones' burned body was discovered on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**, inside a vehicle in the 8400 Block of 5th Avenue North. An autopsy revealed she had been shot.

On **Tuesday, July 11, 2023**, detectives obtained a **Capital Murder** warrant for Mincey's arrest in connection to the death of Ariel Jones.

Currently, the only commonality between these cases is the fact that both victims are female. Detectives have attempted to speak with Mincey, but he requested legal counsel. He remains in the Dekalb County Jail awaiting extradition to Alabama.

Demarchies Mincey's arrest highlights the commitment of our Birmingham Police Officers.

Personnel from the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau, and Crime Scene Unit all played a major role in solving these two cases. Chief Thurmond would like to personally commend them for their hard work and dedication.

Our hearts go out to the families and friends of Ariel Jones and Jermiera Fowler as they deal with the senseless loss of these two young women.

We hope this arrest brings family, friends, and our community one step closer to finding closure.

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Homicide Investigation **(Media Release 116)**

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

The victim has been identified as:
Jermiera Fowler, (31), B/F, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 9:00 PM, East Precinct officers, along with Birmingham Fire and Rescue (BFRS) personnel were dispatched to an area near the 200 Block of Sellers Road on report of a Burned Body.

Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim in the 1000 Block of Sellers Road; she was unresponsive and had been burned. Officers observed visible signs of trauma.

BFRS personnel pronounced the victim deceased. It was later discovered she had been shot.

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim was reported missing on Thursday, June 1, 2023. She had not been seen nor heard from since the day before. She reportedly went to make a Facebook Marketplace purchase; however, we cannot confirm that this factor led to her death.

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 **50th** 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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Homicide Investigation *(Media Release 78)*

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:
Ariel Jones, (31), B/F, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 8:15 AM, East Precinct officers were dispatched to the 8400 Block of 5th Avenue North on report of an abandoned vehicle. A caller noticed a Blue 4-Door sedan that had been abandoned in a field for at least one day.

Officers arrived on the scene and approached the vehicle; they observed a female unresponsive inside the vehicle.

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

The preliminary investigation suggests foul play is involved and this case is being classified as a homicide.

The Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office will perform an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

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**.

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This is Birmingham's **30th** 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.

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