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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Wednesday, July 12, 2023**.

The victim has been identified as:

Jordan Ellis Melton, (29), B/M, of Helena, Alabama.

At 8:30 AM, North Precinct officers were dispatched to a report of Two Firefighters Shot at Fire Station # 9.

Officers arrived on the scene when they learned two firefighters had been shot inside Fire Station # 9.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue (BFR) personnel transported the two injured firefighters to a local area hospital. They both suffered serious injuries.

One of the firefighters, Jordan Melton, succumbed to his injuries on **Monday, July 17, 2023**.

The preliminary investigation has revealed that an unknown suspect(s) shot the two firefighters while they were inside Fire Station # 9. The shooting appears to have taken place near the bay doors.

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**.

Crime Stoppers is currently offering a \$15,000 reward for any tips.

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 **71st** 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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Two On-Duty Birmingham Firefighters Shot *(Media Release 151)*

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The preliminary investigation has revealed that an unknown suspect(s) shot the two firefighters while the two firefighters were inside Fire Station # 9. The shooting appears to have taken place near the bay doors.

There is no one in custody.

BPD has deployed numerous resources to bring the person(s) responsible into custody.

We are asking anyone with additional information to please contact BPD detectives @ **(205) 254-1764** or you can remain anonymous and receive a cash reward by dialing Crime Stoppers @ **(205) 254-777**.

The Birmingham Police Department wishes a speedy recovery to the injured firefighters; our hearts are with the entire Birmingham Fire and Rescue family.