



# 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 **Adrian Christian**. The incident occurred on **Friday, May 5, 2023**.

In May, investigators identified a suspect (adult male) in this investigation. Investigators took the suspect into custody. He was interviewed and then booked in the Birmingham City Jail under a 48-Hour Felony Extension.

Investigators presented case information to the Jefferson County District Attorney's office for review. On **Friday, July 21, 2023**, the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office ruled the actions justifiable. **This investigation is reclassified as a Justified Death Investigation # 7.**

The Birmingham Police Department has **71** 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 Friday, May 5, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:

**Adrian Dewayne Christian, (44), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At around 11:35 PM, North Precinct officers were dispatched to the 1400 Block of 5th Street West on report of a Person With a Gun. The call was updated to a Person Shot Call.

Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim unresponsive in the roadway suffering from a gunshot wound.

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

The preliminary investigation revealed there was a person outside of the victim's residence with a gun.

The victim exited his residence and was subsequently shot.

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 38th 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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