



# For Immediate Release

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## Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Friday, August 4, 2023**.

The victim has been identified as:

**Rahkeem Darnell Vanderbilt, (32), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama,**

At approximately 6:55 PM, South Precinct officers were dispatched to a Person Shot call at #10 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest.

Officers arrived on the scene and observed shell casings and blood on the ground. Officers learned three adult male gunshot victims had been transported to UAB Hospital by private vehicle.

UAB Hospital Staff pronounced Rahkeem Vanderbilt deceased. A second adult male victim suffered life-threatening injuries. A third adult male victim has suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

A Person Shot call also went out in the 500 Block of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Officers arrived on the scene and then observed an adult male suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. **This incident was not connected to the scene on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest.**

The preliminary investigation from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Southwest suggests the three adult male victims were standing outside, hanging out, when an unknown suspect(s) fired shots at them.

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 73rd murder investigation of 2023 with 7 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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