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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Tuesday**, **August 8**, **2023**.

The victim has been identified as:

Frederick Douglas Berry Jr., (41), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 4:16 a.m., East Precinct officers were dispatched to the 7000 Block of 1st Avenue South on report of Shot Spotter Alerts.

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

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and then transported the victim to UAB Hospital. UAB Hospital staff pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim was riding his bicycle when an unknown suspect(s) fired shots at him.

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 76th 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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