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Public's Assistance with the Double Homicide Investigation of Rodriquez Powell & Justin Taylor

Detectives request assistance from the public in obtaining information on a double homicide that occurred on **Saturday, September 3, 2022**, in the 4200 Block of Inglenook Street. The double homicide claimed the lives of Rodriquez Powell & Justin Taylor.

At approximately 1:45 PM, East Precinct officers were dispatched to the 4200 Block of Inglenook Street on report of shots fired. The call was then updated to two people shot.

Officers arrived on the scene and then observed both victims unresponsive inside a vehicle suffering from gunshot wounds. Mr. Taylor was in the driver's seat of the vehicle with Mr. Powell in the front passenger's seat.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue (BFR) personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced Mr. Powell deceased. BFR transported Mr. Taylor to UAB Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests a vehicle drove past the victims and an occupant fired shots at the victim. Officers observed over twenty spent shell casings on the ground.

Currently, there is no one in custody.

If anyone has information that will help aid our detectives, please contact the Homicide Division directly at 205-254-1764 or remain anonymous by contacting Crime Stoppers at 205-254-7777.

Crime Stoppers may award tipsters up to \$5,000 in cash.

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Double Homicide Investigation (Media Release 182-2022)

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a double homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

The victims have been identified as:

1. Rodriquez Jerrell Powell, (32), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

2. Justin Jarell Taylor, (35), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

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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 93rd & 94th murder investigation of 2022 including 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 into 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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