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## **Unclassified Death Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting an unclassified death investigation. The incident occurred on **Thursday**, **September 28**, **2023**.

The victim will be identified by the Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office.

Just before 2 p.m., West Precinct officers were dispatched to the 1500 Block of Tuscaloosa Avenue on report of a Community Member Who Discovered a Body.

Officers arrived on the scene and then were led to the 500 Block of 16<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest where they observed a decomposed body in a field near the alleyway.

The victim could not be identified.

Officers observed suspicious circumstances surrounding the victim's death.

Homicide and Special Victims Unit detectives responded to the scene.

The Jefferson County Coroner's Office arrived on the scene and then took care and custody of the victim. The Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office will perform an autopsy on the victim to determine the cause of death.

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 comes available.

\*\*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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