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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Monday, October 16, 2023**.

The victim has been identified as:
Trudy Mustin, (63), B/F, of Bessemer, Alabama.

At approximately 6:55 p.m., West Precinct officers were dispatched to a Person Shot call in the 1500 Block of Alameda Avenue. Officers were updated that ShotSpotter registered multiple rounds fired in the 1100 Block of 15th Street Southwest.

Officers arrived on the scene when they observed the victim inside a vehicle suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and then transported the victim to UAB Hospital with life-threatening injuries. UAB Hospital staff pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests this shooting stems from an escalation of two groups who were having an ongoing argument.

Patrol officers detained multiple persons of interest; they were transported to BPD Headquarters where Homicide detectives interviewed them. The persons of interest were then released.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ **205-254-1764** or remain anonymous and receive a cash reward by dialing Crime Stoppers @ **205-254-7777**.

Crime Stoppers pays tipsters cash rewards of up to \$5,000 for their tips.

This is Birmingham's **98th** murder investigation of 2023 with **8** 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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