



# *For Immediate Release*

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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Saturday, December 16, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:

**Antonio Benson, (28), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At approximately 2:50 a.m., BPD officers, working off-duty security at a bar in the Lakeview District, heard gunshots fired in the 700 Block of 29<sup>th</sup> Street South.

South Precinct officers responded to the location.

Officers observed two adult males suffering from an apparent gunshot wound near a food truck.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue (BFR) personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim deceased. BFR personnel transported the second adult male victim to UAB Hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The preliminary investigation suggests the victims were at a food truck when they were involved in a verbal argument with a separate group of males. The argument then turned physical and then ultimately led to shots being exchanged between both groups.

The suspects fled on foot.

A food truck in a nearby parking lot was struck by gunfire along with several vehicles.

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 120<sup>th</sup> murder investigation of 2023 with 9 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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