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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Saturday, December 30, 2023.

The victim has been identified as:

Stephen A. Keith Jr., (77), W/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 1:33 p.m. East Precinct officers were dispatched to a call of a Motor Vehicle Accident in the 9300 Block of Parkway East.

Officers arrived on the scene and observed the victim suffering from what appeared to be injuries caused by the motor vehicle accident.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue Services arrived on the scene and transported the victim to UAB Hospital.

UAB medical staff determined that the victim had sustained a life-threatening gunshot wound.

The victim was pronounced deceased at 9:44 p.m.

The preliminary investigation suggests that at approximately 1:31 p.m., East Precinct officers received a BOLO from our 911 Communications Division of a male firing shots at another vehicle near Edwards Lake Road and Gadsden Highway. Minutes later, several calls were received stating matching call details in the 9300 Block of Parkway East.

After the victim was struck by gunfire on Parkway East, his vehicle collided with a pickup truck.

The driver of the pickup truck was also transported to UAB Hospital by Birmingham Fire and Rescue Services.

The victim was targeted.

The suspect is in custody.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ [205-254-1764](tel:205-254-1764) or Crime Stoppers @ [205-254-7777](tel: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 [126th](#) 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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