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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on Wednesday, June 12, 2024.

The victim has been identified as:

**Tadaruis Omar Debodre Jones, (30), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

At approximately 12:23 am, West Precinct officers were responding to a call of a Person Shot in the 1400 Block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue W, in a small shopping plaza.

When officers arrived on the scene, they observed the adult male victim lying face down in the parking lot, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue Services arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests that the victim along with multiple people were gathered in the parking lot of a shopping plaza when the victim was approached by an unknown suspect. The suspect shot the victim and left the location.

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.**

This is Birmingham's 60<sup>th</sup> murder investigation of 2024 with 7 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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