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Arrest Made in the Demarco Thomas Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained a warrant for an arrest in connection to the murder of Demarco Thomas. He was shot and killed on **Friday, June 7, 2024**, in the 400 Block of 9th Street West.

During the investigation, BPD Homicide detectives identified a suspect.

The suspect has been identified as:

O’Nandas Carnece Beard, (26), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

On, **Tuesday, June 18, 2024**, BPD’s Crime Reduction Team arrested Beard at a residence in West Birmingham. Detectives also recovered a “Glock Switch” at the residence.

Birmingham Police Detectives presented case information to the Jefferson County District Attorney’s Office. After an assessment of the information, detectives obtained a warrant for **Murder**.

O’Nandas Carnece Beard is in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with **No Bond**.

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Homicide Investigation
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The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Friday, June 7, 2024**.

The victim has been identified as:
Demarco Cortez Thomas aka "Geremy Demarco Sistrunk," (35), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At around 3:30 p.m., West Precinct officers were dispatched to a report of Shots Fired in the 400 Block of 9th Street West.

Officers were updated that a black SUV had crashed near the intersection.

Officers arrived on the scene when they observed the wrecked vehicle. Upon further investigation, officers observed the victim inside suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived and pronounced the victim deceased.

Details are limited in this investigation. There is no one in custody.

Anyone with information on the case, please contact B.P.D.'s Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777.

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

This is Birmingham's 58 murder investigation of 2024 with 5 justifiable death rulings.

The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines 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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