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Update in the Aston Starkey Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives received information that the suspect wanted in connection to the murder of 13-year-old Aston Starkey, which occurred on **March 2, 2024**, is deceased.

The suspect has been identified as:

Serena Starkey, (53), W/F, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Detectives received notification on Monday, June 24, 2024, from the Medical Examiner of Southwestern Institute of Forensics Science in Dallas, Texas, that the suspect, Serena Starkey, died on Friday, June 21, 2024.

There was no foul play observed in her death.

The cause and manner of death are pending an autopsy.