



# *For Immediate Release*

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## **Homicide Investigation**

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Wednesday, July 3, 2024**.

The victim has been identified as:

**Dianisleidy Rodriguez Hernandez, (34), H/F, of Cuba.**

At around 4:40 p.m., South Precinct officers were dispatched to a Person Shot call at an apartment complex in the 4200 Block of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

Officers arrived on the scene when they observed the victim near an apartment suffering from a gunshot wound.

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

The preliminary investigation suggests a resident of the apartment complex shot the victim and remained in the area. Patrol officers took the suspect into custody near the incident location. The suspect and victim appear to know one another.

The suspect has been identified as:

**Johnny Sears Jr. (44), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

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** on Johnny Sears Jr.

Johnny Sears Jr. is in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail where he is being held

with **No Bond**.

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 **69** murder investigation of 2024 with **8** 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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