



For Immediate Release

Media Release No. 159

**Friday, July 5, 2024
11:15 a.m., CDT**

Officer Truman Fitzgerald

Assistant Public Information Officer/Public Information Division
bpdmedia@birninghamal.gov
(205) 254-2065 - Office

Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Friday, July 5, 2024**.

The victim has been identified as:
Renard West, (55), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

At approximately 4:40 a.m., West Precinct officers were dispatched to a Shot Spotter call in the 1000 Block of Cotton Avenue. Officers were updated that a person was shot at the location.

Officers arrived on the scene when they observed the victim lying unresponsive in the front yard of a residence. The victim had been shot.

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

Community members provided our patrol officers with a clothing description of the suspect. Officers observed an adult male matching the clothing description walking in the area. Officers took the suspect into custody; the suspect was armed with a handgun.

Officers transported the suspect to BPD Headquarters where Homicide detectives will interview him.

Anyone with information about the case, please get in touch with the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764 or remain anonymous and receive a cash reward by dialing Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777.

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

This is Birmingham's **71st** murder investigation of 2024 with **8** justifiable death rulings.

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****

###