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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Sunday, November 24, 2024**.

The victim has been identified as:
Dontrell Gooden, (20), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

On **Saturday, November 23, 2024**, the Birmingham Police Department launched a Critical Missing Person Investigation for Dontrell Gooden after he was last seen on **Friday, November 22, 2024**, at around 11:30 p.m. in a vehicle.

Officers searched for him on Saturday and Sunday. On **Sunday, November 24, 2024**, at around 7:30 p.m., East Precinct officers discovered Dontrell's vehicle in the Brummit Heights neighborhood. Officers located the vehicle near Spruce Avenue @ Cunningham Street.

Upon further investigation of the vehicle, officers observed Dontrell Gooden unresponsive inside the vehicle. He appeared to have been shot.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived and pronounced him deceased.

The Jefferson County Coroner's Office arrived on the scene. The Coroner's Office positively identified the victim as Dontrell Gooden.

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 134th murder investigation of 2024 with 11 justifiable death rulings.

****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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