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Shot Spotter Activation Results in Arrest

The Birmingham Police Department reports today that on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at approximately 11:38 a.m., the Shot Spotter was activated with multiple gunshot sounds. Officers from the East Precinct were quickly dispatched to 231 80th Street South. Upon arrival, citizens directed officers to 8005 1st Avenue South, where they took a 20-year-old male suspect into custody without incident. There were no reported injuries. A rifle and ammunition were seized.

The suspect has been identified as:

James Rogers, 20, of Birmingham, Alabama. Warrants for Discharging a Firearm within the City Limits and Violation of State Firearms Act warrants have been obtained against this suspect. The suspect also had outstanding warrants for Criminal Mischief, Disorderly Conduct, and Criminal Trespass. The five misdemeanor charges carry a \$500.00 bond each. The suspect is in the custody of the Birmingham City Jail.

This is the first arrest made from the Shot Spotter Activation.

Chief A.C. Roper stated, "While officers were in route to the scene, several calls from citizens were coming in pertaining to gunshots being fired in the area. It's wonderful to see how technology and citizens help to aid in keeping our communities safe."

A photo of the suspect may be obtained at the B.P.D. Headquarters, located at 1710 1st Avenue North.

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