Two men critically wounded in Mattapan, South End shootings

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Two men were critically injured in separate shootings Monday night in Boston, one in Mattapan and one in the South End, according to officials.

A 25-year-old man was shot multiple times on a dead-end street off of River Street in Mattapan around 7:30 p.m., authorities said.

The unidentified victim was taken to Boston Medical Center and was in critical condition, said EMS spokesman John Gill.

“He was actually talking when he left,” Deputy Superintendent John Brown of the Boston police said. “God willing, he’ll be all right.”

Shortly after 8:30 p.m., crime scene investigators arrived at the scene on Riverbank Place. They set up lights and began scanning the area around a white, two-story house halfway down the street.

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Police recovered some ballistics evidence from the scene, Brown said.

Around 9:10 p.m., an unidentified man in his 30s was shot in a bustling commercial district in the South End, officials said.

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Boston Police said the shooting occurred near the corner of Tremont and Aguadilla streets. A second crime scene was visible one block over at Tremont and West Brookline streets. Several evidence markers were placed on West Brookline, which was also taped off.

Gill said the victim was 37 years old and was in critical but stable condition at Boston Medical Center.

Police had the shooting scene, located near popular restaurants including Upper Crust and Tremont 647, roped off with tape at about 10 p.m. as they searched for evidence.

Matt Coolidge, 32, of South Boston, said he was standing near the two intersections on Tremont when he heard several shots ring out.

Coolidge said he saw a man and a woman dive for cover behind a vehicle but saw no cars or suspects fleeing.

A neighborhood resident who would only give his first name, John, said he also heard a barrage of gunfire.

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“Just a nice quiet day, and then all you heard was” shots, John said.

Also Monday night, at about 7:30 p.m., a youth in his late teens walked into Boston Children’s Hospital with a gunshot wound, Boston Police spokesman James Kenneally said.

Kenneally said the teen had been shot in the ankle, but no other information was available. The three shootings did not appear to be related, he said.

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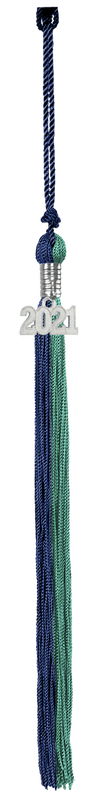
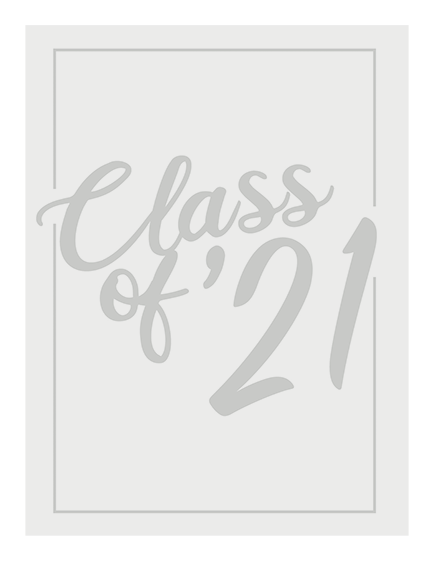
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