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Former Angels No. 1 pick
Ryan Bolden killed in fight
over candy

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In a tragic end to a baseball life that once showed promise, [Ryan Bolden](#), a former first-round pick of the [Los Angeles Angels](#), was [shot and killed](#) Wednesday night.

Bolden was just 23, and hadn't played baseball since 2013. He was drafted out of Madison Central High School in Mississippi by the Angels as the 40th overall pick in the 2010 amateur draft. His life ended after an argument broke out in an apartment complex in College Park, Ga.



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The altercation started — unfortunately enough — because of candy. From [Fox 5 Atlanta](#):

Investigators tell FOX 5's Marc Teichner that children, around 10- and 11-years-old, were arguing about the



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candy at an apartment complex in the 4000 block of Lakemont Drive. Police say some adults got involved and things turned violent around 8:30 p.m. That's when a 23-year-old man was shot and killed.

Investigators say they have a suspect, but haven't released a name at this time. Detectives are interviewing a number of witnesses, and they could have more on the case by day's end.

Bolden's baseball career, by all accounts, was a bust. He played in parts of four seasons, never advancing past rookie ball and never hitting above .200. In 2013, he played just seven games with the [Orem Owlz](#) of the Pioneer League, [before retiring](#) because of back issues.

2010 Draft: Ryan Bolden, OF



The Angels chose Bolden in the supplemental portion of the 2010 first round, a few picks before the Mariners selected [Taijuan Walker](#) and the Tigers picked Nick Castellanos. The draft pick was compensation for the Angels losing John Lackey in free agency.

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