

Gunman killed, MNPD officer injured in shooting Friday

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FULL TEXT

An exchange of gunfire late Friday night at an apartment complex near Bordeaux left a gunman dead and a police officer with a gunshot wound, authorities said.

Police said officers were called to the Overlook Ridge apartments at about 10:30 p.m. Friday after receiving reports of gunfire in the area.

A spokesman for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, which is tasked with investigating the shooting, said "for reasons still unclear, the situation escalated," resulting in the gunfire between two police officers and the subject who died.

The TBI identified the deceased man as 31-year-old Sereshawn Martez Dillon.

The TBI said Dillon is believed to be the same individual responsible for a stranger sexual assault that occurred in the same neighborhood just prior to his encounter with law enforcement.

The Nashville police officer injured in the shooting was Samuel Galluzzi, 24, who has worked at the department for two years. He's in stable condition after suffering gunshots to his thigh and ankle.

Metro police say the two officers who "returned the gunman's fire" were Detective Zachary Ronan and Officer John Petriello.

The gunman died after being transported to Vanderbilt Medical Center.

The officers who arrived at the complex, near Buena Vista and Clarksville Pikes, saw a person who matched the description of the gunman in the initial report, said Josh Devine, a TBI spokesman.

The person who police saw also matched the description of a suspect in a "pistol-whipping" incident earlier in the evening, Devine said.

The man went into a unit at the apartment complex, and police came to believe the man did not live or otherwise have any reason to be in that unit, he said.

He said police quickly regrouped and approached the apartment's door in an effort to make contact with the subject and check the welfare of those inside the unit.

"For reasons still very much under investigation at this time, the situation escalated and resulted in gunfire between at least three of the officers and the subject," Devine said.

Two officers exchanged gunfire with the man in the apartment, Devine said.

Dillon died at the scene. The injured officer was taken to a hospital with a gunshot wound to his leg and was expected to survive.

The shooting comes after police-involved shootings have gained more attention locally and nationally.

Nashville police and TBI agents were investigating a shooting that injured a police officer on Friday at the Overlook Ridge apartments.

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