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Police: No apparent link in 2 recent shootings on same block in JP

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

Police say there is no information to suggest there is any link between a pair of mid-afternoon shootings involving teenagers as targets that occurred within about a one-month span and on the same block of South Street in Jamaica Plain.

But detectives are continuing to investigate that possibility, authorities said today.

A drive-by shooting was reported by witnesses, including two Hispanic teenagers who told police they were being shot at, in the area of 209 South St. at about 3:45 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, according to a report from city police who responded with MBTA Transit Police to that address for a radio call for shots fired.

In a copy of the report released to Boston.com today, police redacted the names of witnesses and the alleged targets of the gunfire, but one of the suspected targets is listed as being a 16-year-old. The report says responding officers were

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told that as a car filled with unidentified males drove along South Street headed toward Centre Street, several shots were fired from the vehicle.

The rear driver's side window of a blue 2009 Honda Fit hatchback parked in front of 206 South St., at the corner of Anson Street, was struck by a bullet and towed to the district police station for investigation, the report said.

About one month earlier on Dec. 11 at about 2:30 p.m. at an address on that same block, a 19-year-old male was shot multiple times and sent to Brigham and Women's Hospital with non-life threatening injuries, according to information provided in a police report and from a police spokesman who [spoke to the Globe the day of that shooting](#).

That victim was one of five Hispanic males who told responding officers they were sitting outside behind a three-family brick residential building at 219 South St. when two suspects shot at them, the police report said.

The suspects were described to police as being Hispanic males, one wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and one wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, the report said.

The alleged targets of the gunfire, whose names were redacted in the report copy, told police they did not know the suspects and saw them run away after the shooting on South Street towards Centre Street.

Police found no suspects as they canvassed the area with K-9 units for clues, but detectives photographed the scene, collected ballistics evidence and saliva DNA from where the alleged shooters were reported to have been firing from, the report said.

Bullet holes were found: in the windshield of a gray Ford minivan parked in front of 198 South St.; in the rear passenger driver-side rocker panel of a black Nissan Maxima sedan parked behind 223 South St.; and in a stop sign at the corner of South Street and Arborway, according to the report.

The two cars were towed, and the clothes of the teen who was shot were seized, by police as evidence, authorities said.

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