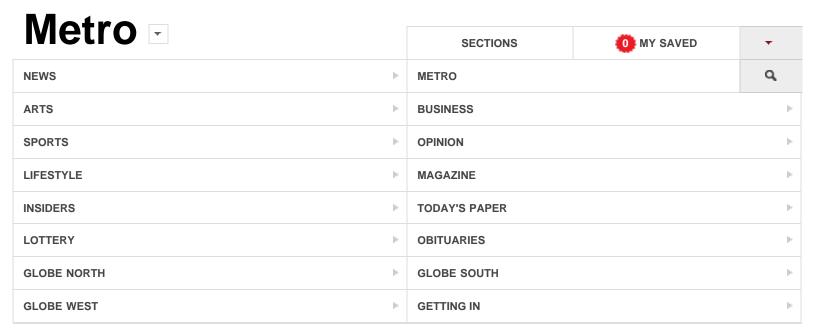
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3 shot in Dorchester, 1 gravely injured

Police search playground near Judson Street

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Three people were shot in Dorchester on Sunday night, including one who suffered life-threatening injuries, Boston police said.

Police believe the victims, all male, were shot during the same incident near the intersection of Julian and Judson streets.

Officers arrived at 35 Julian St. about 8:30 p.m. and found two of the victims, one of whom had been shot in the leg and the other in the hip, police Superintendent Kenneth Fong said.

A couple of blocks away, at the intersection of Brook Avenue and Victor Street, police found a third victim, who had been shot in the chest.

He was taken to Boston Medical Center with life-threatening injuries, Fong said.

The other victims were taken to Brigham and Women's Hospital, said Boston police Officer Neva Coakley .

Police believe the three were shot during the same incident near the intersection, Fong said.

No arrests have been made, and no information about the identities of the victims was immediately available.

Fong said it was not yet known if the shootings were gangrelated.



State Representative Carlos Henriquez, who lives on Judson Street, said the shooting happened outside his living room as he was sitting down to watch Sunday Night Football.

"I heard the shots," Henriquez said. "It had to be close to 10 shots in succession."

"Those are the sounds that you don't want to hear any day, especially on a nice quiet Sunday on a holiday weekend," Henriquez added.

The representative said he speaks regularly with local police and is not aware of any ongoing feuds or other recent violence near his home.

The shooting happened near a playground dedicated to Trina Persad, a 10-year-old who was shot and killed in 2002 while she was leaving a nearby park.

On Sunday night, police trained floodlights on Judson Street and into the playground, where more than a dozen officers searched the ground .

On Judson Street next to the playground, police had set up at least 10 orange cones to mark evidence.

Kayla Johnson, who lives with her parents on Julian Street, said she was at work when the shooting happened, but that violent incidents happen in the area "all the time."

"I mean, of course it bothers me, but what could you do?" said Johnson, 21, who said she grew up on Julian Street. "I mean, we live in the 'hood, at least that's what people call it, so you get used to it."

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