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Man shot to death in Mattapan; 1 arrested

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Police guarded a Mattapan residence in a public housing development on Sunday night after an early-morning shooting there left one person dead, authorities said.

Soon after the shooting, Osmell Odena, 22, of Boston, was arrested nearby and charged with unlawful possession of a gun and ammunition, Boston police said in a statement.

At approximately 2:35 a.m. Sunday, police responded to Woodruff Way for reports of shots fired and a person possibly shot, according to the statement.

When officers arrived at the scene, they found a man, whose age was not provided, with what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A brown vehicle was seen driving away at “a noteworthy rate of speed,” the statement said. Police officers were initially

unsuccessful in their efforts to pull the car over, but then the driver stopped in the area of Donwood Terrace and Ridgeview Avenue.

Three people quickly exited the car and fled the scene, according to the statement.

“Officers were able to chase down and take into custody one of the three fleeing suspects,” the statement said. “While the suspect was being detained, officers retraced the steps taken during the foot pursuit in an effort to locate any discarded evidence. Upon doing so, officers observed and recovered a loaded firearm.”

Odena is expected to be arraigned in Dorchester Municipal Court on Tuesday, said Jake Wark, a spokesman for Suffolk District Attorney Daniel F. Conley’s office. Wark said he could not provide further information about the shooting. No further arrests had been made as of Sunday night, according to Officer James Kenneally, Boston police spokesman. He also said he could not immediately provide further details.

A cruiser was parked on Woodruff Way on Sunday evening. An officer inside the cruiser told a Globe reporter not to approach because it was an “active crime scene,” but declined to say more.

The Boston Police Homicide Unit is investigating. Anyone with information is asked to call the Homicide Unit at 617-343-4470. Those who would like to leave an anonymous tip may call 800-494-TIPS or text the word ‘TIP’ to CRIME (27463).

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