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After shooting in Roxbury gang area, police arrest man returning to rival gang area in JP

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Moments after a shooting left one man wounded in a section of Roxbury with a known gang presence, officers patrolling the area of a rival gang in Jamaica Plain were put on alert and arrested a man who later admitted to that shooting and another shooting the night before, authorities said.

Paul Walrond, 22, of Braintree, is charged with: assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; driving without being licensed; receiving stolen property — the gun allegedly used in both attacks; and two counts each of: armed assault with intent to murder; illegally possessing a gun and ammunition; and shooting a gun within 500 feet of a building, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

Because of prior convictions for assault and battery, Walrond is charged as a Level III armed career criminal, prosecutors said.

He was ordered to be held on \$75,000 bail at his arraignment in Roxbury District Court on Monday, authorities said.

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District Court on Monday, authorities said.

On March 7 just after 7 p.m., an 18-year-old man told Boston police officers that he had been shot at while walking to his home on Holworthy Street in Roxbury, prosecutors said. The man said the shots were fired by the driver of a dark-colored vehicle.

On March 8 shortly before 8 p.m., Boston police officers went to Holworthy Street again to respond to another shooting, authorities said. They found a 22-year-old man suffering from gunshot wounds. He was hospitalized and is expected to survive his injuries.

Officers were told that a black Cadillac had been seen leaving just after the shooting, prosecutors said.

Knowing that Holworthy Street is part of the area where the H-Block street gang is based, officers patrolling about two miles away began searching for the

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Police officers in the area were alerted to the shooting by a 911 call from a woman who said she had been shot.

Wabroad is scheduled to return to court on April 9, officials said.

"This arrest was the direct result of Boston Police officers who know their city," Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Coakley said in a statement. "They weren't at the scene of the shooting, but they knew where the assailant was likely to turn up. They kept their eyes and ears open and made our streets safer as a result."

The police department recently announced plans to open a satellite office at the Bromley-Heath complex in an effort to combat a wave of violence there in recent months.

Other steps have been taken to try to secure the complex: including gun seizures, arrests, evictions, and the installation of new security cameras and lighting.

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