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Four stabbed in three attacks in Dorchester

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A 19-year-old, who told police he was a former serviceman, was robbed and stabbed on a violent Saturday evening in Dorchester during which four people were stabbed within 90 minutes, authorities said.

There does not appear to be a connection between the attacks, said Boston police spokesman Officer James Kenneally.

The first was reported around 9:30 p.m.at Dracut Street and Dorchester Avenue, in the Ashmont area, Boston police said in a statement.

A man there said two men had robbed and stabbed him, and that his military honorable discharge papers

were stolen during the assault, according to police.

Kenneally said he did not know the branch of the military the man had served in or whether anything else was stolen. He was taken to Boston Medical Center to be treated for injuries that were not life-threatening, including multiple stab wounds, police said.

Less than an hour later, a second stabbing was reported about a block away from the first attack.

At 10:20 p.m., just outside the Ashmont MBTA station on Dorchester Avenue, officers found a man who had been stabbed multiple times, police said.

He was taken to Boston Medical Center to be treated for injuries that were not life-threatening. Transit Police referred questions about the stabbing to Boston police, because it happened on the street and not inside the MBTA station. Police said the the man was unable to give officers a description of his attacker.

About a half-hour later, officers went to 180 Columbia Road, at the border of Dorchester and Roxbury, where two men, both in their late teens, had been stabbed, police said.

Officers closed the southbound lane between Geneva Avenue and Oldfields Road. Plainclothes officers shined flashlights onto the street and through the yard surrounding a dental office.

One of the victims was taken to Boston Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. The other was taken to Brigham and Women's Hospital but was expected to survive, police said.

Boston police asked that anyone with information on any of the stabbings call District C-11 detectives at 617-343-4335. Information can also be provided anonymously by calling the Crime Stoppers Tip Line at 1-800-494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463).

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