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Five separate shootings leave 1 dead, 6 injured in Boston

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One male died and six others were hospitalized for gunshot wounds during an eight-hour spasm of violence across the city Wednesday and early Thursday, police said.

In all, there were five separate shootings during the span. The eruption of violence on a warm spring night added to what has been an especially chaotic week for the city's law enforcement and medical personnel, who have been dealing with the aftermath of Monday's deadly bombings.

The fatal shooting near 237 Dudley St. in Roxbury was reported to police about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, a Boston police spokeswoman said. Authorities declined to identify the victim.

Friends who gathered at a makeshift shrine on Dudley Street Thursday evening said he was a 22-year-old and had been shot in the head. They provided his name, but the Globe could not confirm it with authorities.

Jessica Tartt, 22, who said she was a friend of the victim, said he had lived in the neighborhood all of his life until recently moving to Lynn.

“He was very friendly. He’d give you his own shirt off his back,” Tartt said.

She said he had a 6-month-old daughter, siblings, a father, many cousins, and friends. His mother died several years ago, Tartt said.

More than two dozen candles, an American flag, and some flowers were placed on the sidewalk at the spot where the man was shot. On the brick wall of the building there, people used a marker to write messages, including “u will be deeply missed” and “RIP.”

Tartt said she did not know why he would have been shot.

Along with the Dudley Street shooting, two shootings occurred near where the South End and Roxbury meet, another happened in Brighton, and the fifth was in Dorchester.

About 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, two males were shot near the intersection of Woodrow Avenue and Lauriat Street in Dorchester, the police spokeswoman said.

One of the victims suffered life-threatening injuries and the other less-serious injuries, she said. One of the victims was taken to Boston Medical Center, the other to Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

About 10 p.m., two males were shot near 609 Shawmut Ave., near the South End-Roxbury line.

Both suffered wounds that were not life-threatening, the police spokeswoman said. One was taken to Boston Medical and the other to Brigham and Women’s.

At about 1:20 a.m. Thursday, a male was shot near 2 Fidelis Way in Brighton. He was taken to St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center with wounds that were not life-threatening, the spokeswoman said.

About a half hour later, a male was shot near 483 Massachusetts Ave. He was taken to Boston Medical Center for treatment of wounds that were not life-threatening.



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