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### Shootings leave 2 dead: Woman flown to Hershey after incident

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SHIPPENSBURG -- Two people are dead and another was flown to Milton S. Hershey Medical Center following what began as an early-morning shooting near the Shippensburg Wastewater Treatment Plant on Avon Drive. Pennsylvania State Police were dispatched to the area near Hot Point Inn about 2 a.m. Thursday for multiple gunshot victims. One man was found dead, and a woman was found injured and flown to Hershey.

A second man, Steven Bsedek, 37, was later found dead in his North Washington Street home following an eight-hour standoff where it was believed that the shooter from the treatment plant had barricaded himself inside.

Both victims had been riding in a Chevrolet Cavalier with two other people, according to State Trooper Karl Schmidhamer. The two other people were not injured, but their involvement in the altercation is unclear.

The shooter was riding in an SUV with another male, according to Schmidhamer.

The man killed in the pre-dawn hours was identified as Robert J. Traylor, 21, Shippensburg, according to his uncle, Jim Traylor. While police have not yet identified the name of the female victim, a friend of Traylor's said it was another friend, Jen Todd.

A spokeswoman from Hershey Medical Center confirmed Todd was admitted Thursday morning to the hospital, but could not provide more data.

Traylor lived in Shippensburg with his parents and brother, Ryan. Friends said he was laid back and enjoyed laughing. He graduated from Shippensburg Area Senior High School.

Police have offered little details in the case, but it is believed that the scuffle originated at Hot Point, a bar less than half a mile from the scene of the shooting. They indicated that the shooting occurred outside of the Cavalier.

A person who lives near the shooting scene later said she saw the Cavalier -- its rear window blown out -- being towed from the area.

At about 7 a.m., people were evacuated from the area surrounding the home at 25 N. Washington St. At least one of the suspects was believed to be barricaded inside.

Police cordoned off the roads around the neighborhood, and used the rear parking lot of a nearby McDonald's as their headquarters.

"The cops just started banging on our doors and told us we had to get out," Marci Warhoftig said. "They told us there was an incident in the neighborhood, but didn't say anything more."

"We wouldn't consider the neighborhood to be in danger," Schmidhamer said Thursday morning.

Pennsylvania State Police from Carlisle and Chambersburg, along with SERT officers and the Shippensburg Police Department, assisted at the scene.

At about 9:30 a.m. reporters saw a white male -- clad in a dark shirt, light-colored pants and a baseball cap -- surrender to officers. He left the home with his hands in the air, and was immediately taken to the ground and searched by officers.

Neighbors identified him as Brian Wilhide.

He was cuffed and driven away in a police cruiser.

Police, however, would not immediately confirm that he was involved in the incident. Police also said they had contacted a "person of interest" in the apartment house by telephone as late as 10:30 a.m.

Schmidhamer said police at about 12:30 p.m. lost phone contact with the person of interest, and at about 1 p.m. fired tear gas into the Washington Street home.

When police later entered the home they found Bsedek's body. According to information released late Thursday night by the Cumberland County Coroner's office, he took his own life.

North Washington Street is inhabited by many Shippensburg University students, but campus spokesman Pete Gigliotti said initial reports indicate that "neither individual was a member of the campus community."

While the spring semester has ended at SU, summer classes are under way. He said university officials notified students of the incident via e-mail around 9 a.m., and encouraged anyone near the school to "exercise caution while on campus and to report any suspicious activity."

He also said approximately 10 students currently are living on campus, and that university police around 3 a.m. Thursday went door-to-door to notify the students of the incident.

SU student Samantha Sheeley, a Waynesboro native, lives across the street from where the standoff occurred. She said police upon evacuation told her to expect to be out of her home at least five hours.

As of 3 p.m. residents in the immediate area still were not permitted back into their homes.

"When we were first evacuated, my first thought was that maybe it was a gas leak or something," she said. "I started to panic when I began to hear what was actually going on. Things like this, they just don't happen around here."

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