

POLICE HOLD 2 SUSPECTS IN 28TH STREET SHOOTINGS

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Two men were arrested Monday, a day after someone sprayed a Detroit after-hours establishment with AK47 gunfire early Sunday, killing two people and wounding 11.

Police declined to identify the **suspects** but said they will seek warrants and expect to charge them today or Wednesday. They said at least one gunman had been ejected following a fight Friday night at the house, located **in** the 6300 block of **28th Street**.

Police said the man who had been ejected was apparently beaten by members of a gang at the house. He was arrested unarmed around 9 p.m. after police staked out a west side house for several hours. He offered no resistance. Another man was arrested earlier **in** the day, also on the west side, police said.

"He'd been telling people about what he was going to do," building owner Stanley Williams, 27, said police told him. "He was mad because I had put them out. The police said he told people that he just wanted to shoot the place up and close the party so that I'd be out of business."

Tavares (T.J.) Vaughn, 19, a Ferris State University freshman, and Adrienne Arnold, 26, the mother of three small children, were killed.

Andrea Jackson, 17, was **in** "extremely critical condition and on life support," a Henry Ford Hospital spokeswoman said Monday.

Three other gunshot victims remained hospitalized: Emmett Mitchell, 20, was **in** good condition and Shelton Longmeyer, 21, was **in** fair condition at Henry Ford. Stephanie Robinson, 23, was **in** stable condition at Detroit Receiving Hospital, a spokeswoman said Monday.

Williams said he opened his business, Duce Inn Recreation, for young people ages 18 and older as a "safe haven" from the **streets**, drugs, alcohol and weapons. The two-story brown brick house was a hot party house with its' full basketball court, dance floor and above-ground pool.

"That's garbage -- not true," Detroit Deputy Chief Benny Napoleon said Monday. "There were substantial amounts of alcohol at the scene at the time of the **shooting**."

Police said Williams was selling alcohol -- including beer that went for \$3 a can. Napoleon said the matter still was under investigation and it was not known if Williams would face charges.

"No, there was nothing **in** my house. They found bottles **in** alleys like you do everywhere," Williams said.

Williams conceded Monday that he had not checked the identification of the more than 100

people who regularly attend "parties" on Fridays and Saturdays. People as young as 14 were at the center when the **shootings** occurred Sunday.

Williams -- who has prior convictions for assault, armed robbery and possession of a controlled substance -- said he was unconcerned by a police investigation. He said he had registered his business but had not obtained proper licenses.

Esther Shapiro, director of the city's Consumer Affairs Department, said the house probably should have been classified as a rental hall because Williams charged an admission fee.

Had it been licensed as a rental hall, Shapiro said, Williams would have needed insurance, a fire inspection, sanitation inspection and a set number of bathrooms.

"They can do whatever they want to do. I don't care what happens," Williams said. "What I care about is the people who got hurt. I never want to see anything like that again. I wish it would have been me who got shot instead of them. I really do."

From her Detroit Receiving Hospital bed, 23-year-old Stephanie Robinson, said she was thrilled police had a possible assailant **in** custody. She said she was shot **in** both legs after she had gone inside the house to use the restroom.

"I wasn't intending on being at that party. It's not my kind of place," said Robinson, a Ford Motor Co. welder. "Oh, how I wish I hadn't been there."

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