

CITY YOUTH SHOOTS 2 TEENS , SAY POLICE

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Two 14-year-old Detroit boys were shot Tuesday, one critically, by another **youth** as the three walked along a west side Detroit street, police said.

Police said Andre Woods and Maurice Gorsuche, both of the 9500 block of Pinehurst, were walking with another **youth** on W. Chicago near Pinehurst in the 2d (Schaefer) Precinct at about 3:15 p.m. when the third **youth** called out, "You talking to me?"

The **youth** then fired two shots with what is believed to have been a .25-caliber blue-steel automatic pistol and ran from the scene, police said.

Woods was reported in serious condition at Henry Ford Hospital. Gorsuche was listed in critical condition at the same hospital.

Police said the motive for the shooting was not known and that the suspect remains at large.

Less than two hours after the incident, a young man standing outside Gorsuche's house said he witnessed the shootings and that a .25 automatic was used. He said the two were shot outside McAllen's Jewelry & Boutique at 10604 W. Chicago near Pinehurst, just after Woods and Gorsuche walked out of the store with the **youth** carrying the pistol.

The boutique is about half a block from Gorsuche's house.

"I saw them walk in the store together," said the man, about 18, who declined to give his name. "They were in there about three minutes and then they walked out. All of a sudden, I saw (Woods) take a swing at the boy, then turn and run because he pulled out the gun."

After the shots, he said, Woods, who was shot in the back, ran bleeding to John's Grill at 10534 W. Chicago about 40 yards away, then collapsed on his stomach.

Gorsuche, shot in the stomach, ran across the street and collapsed facedown in front of 10601 W. Chicago, he said.

THE MAN said the **youth** with the gun had pulled it halfway from the pocket of his coat earlier, outside the grill. "I was just standing there talking with (Woods and Gorsuche) when he came by and pulled out the gun. That's when they went to the jewelry shop."

At least 309 **youths** under 17 have been shot in Detroit this year, 35 fatally, according to a Free Press tally compiled from police records. Six of the fatalities have been ruled suicides or accidental shootings.

Woods and Gorsuche were described by neighbors as children who liked horseplay. One neighbor, who spoke on condition that she not be identified, said she often cautioned Woods to behave.

"I just told him, 'Andre, don't do this and don't do that,' " she said. "But he would do what he wanted to do, like any other kid."

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