

## COPS QUESTION ANOTHER IN AMBUSH

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Detroit police brought a man **in** for questioning late Tuesday **in** the Saturday **ambush** that killed one officer and wounded **another** .

They declined to say whether the man was a suspect, or merely someone with information who can help them find their prime target -- James Langford, a man they believe can unravel the shooting scenario.

Langford is the son of a retired Detroit police officer. Langford's mother, Charlotte Stewart, 56, retired **in** February 1996 after spending part of her career at the 5th (Jefferson) Precinct.

Langford, 24, is wanted **in** connection with the assault-rifle attack **in** which officer Shawn Bandy, 23, was fatally wounded by a shot to his face. He died Sunday. Officer Lloyd Todd, 34, also shot **in** the face, remains **in** critical condition **in** St. John Hospital.

The officers were hit by AK47 gunfire while pursuing a van that police believed had been involved **in** a drug-related kidnapping.

Langford has a prior conviction for carrying a concealed weapon and **in** May was charged with first-degree murder **in** a home invasion. The case was later dismissed.

Detroit Police Chief Benny Napoleon, weighing the news that a child of a retired police officer could be involved **in** the kidnapping and killing, said "nothing surprises me.... We are no less determined today than we were shortly after the shooting to bring **in** one of the final suspects we are seeking **in** this case."

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James Langford

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