

## **DETROIT MAN KILLED AT DRIVE-THROUGH - POLICE SEEK INFO ON HIT IN HIGHLAND PARK**

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The bloody scene on Woodward in Highland Park early Monday looked like something out of a Prohibition-era gangster movie, according to a witness.

A car had crashed into the Jayla Record storefront with a man sprawled across the driver's seat, blood pouring out of gunshot wounds in his body. The passenger side of the car was riddled with bullets, and gasoline was leaking out.

On the floorboard of the car, a large amount of cash was strewn about, the witness said.

"It looks like it was a planned hit," John Roach, spokesman for Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, said Monday.

Three EMS trucks responded to the scene, and the Highland Park Fire Department was called to deal with the leaking gasoline, the witness said.

The dead man was identified as **Vernard Carter**, 37, of Detroit. Investigators had no motive as to why he was shot at the drive-through of the Classic Cafe Coney Island, 12857 Woodward, across from where his car crashed.

Roach said witnesses told investigators that **Carter** was in a 2002 BMW 745 LI when three gunmen began firing at him with assault rifles at 12:25 a.m. He sped off but crashed into the storefront.

No arrests have been made.

It was the second homicide at the Classic Cafe in three months. On April 25, Deshon Harshaw, 32, of Highland Park was shot after a confrontation.

Anyone with information is asked to call 313-852-7338 anytime. Contact CECIL ANGEL at 313-223-4531 or [angel@freepress.com](mailto:angel@freepress.com).

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