

DETROITER SHOT AT HART PLAZA FESTIVAL

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A 19-year-old Detroit man was **shot** in the abdomen Friday night during an apparent robbery attempt **at** the crowded Polish Ethnic **Festival at Hart Plaza** , police said.

An off-duty Detroit policeman helped chase down and arrest the assailant. Police said they will seek warrants today on charges of armed robbery and assault with intent to commit murder against a 17-year-old Detroit man.

Andre Dennard remained in serious condition in Detroit Receiving Hospital. A 21-year-old Detroit woman, who was not with Dennard, was treated and released after apparently being grazed on the ankle by the **shot** .

Third (Central) Precinct Sgt. James Lashbrook sketched out the following course of events:

A group of seven young men surrounded Dennard **at** about 10 p.m. near the Noguchi Fountain in the **plaza** , and one of them tried to yank away a gold chain Dennard was wearing.

The assailant "grabbed it and as (Dennard) pushed the guy away he pulled the gun and **shot** ," said Lashbrook.

Officer Royce Hill of the 7th (Mack) Precinct was within a few feet of the incident and gave chase, shouting to an unidentified police reservist to join in.

The two chased the suspect to near the Lansdowne Restaurant on the Detroit River. Just before they took hold of him, the man threw what appeared to be a small automatic pistol into the river.

Police would probably make an attempt to recover the gun, Lashbrook said.

Additional charges might be filed against the 17-year-old if it can be determined whether a small ankle wound suffered by bystander Colleen Osemlak was the result of a ricochet, police said. Only one **shot** appeared to have been fired.

The last shooting **at Hart Plaza** was the Aug. 29, 1985, slaying of State Police Trooper Paul Hutchinson during a holdup attempt as he was leaving the Lansdowne with a companion. Five other people have been **shot** in three separate incidents in **Hart Plaza** since 1982.

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